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Birds, bats are at risk near wind turbines

Clean-energy project developers urged to plan for wildlife safety

By Avani Kalra
Chicago Tribune

Terry Husted lives in DeWitt County, a major pathway for migrating birds in central Illinois. After a company submitted plans to construct a wind farm in his area, Husted said he grew worried about the potential for collisions.

"The birds hunt, so they focus on the ground and what they're looking for, and don't really focus on where they're going," Husted said. "So they accidentally hit wind turbines, and it kills them."

Illinois is the fifth-largest state for wind energy, and produces about 7% of the United States' wind energy, according to the American Clean Power Association, a renewable energy industry group.

But, hundreds of thousands of birds and nearly 1 million bats die every year in collisions with wind turbines throughout the United States and Canada. As scientists look for ways to mitigate the effects of climate change, clean energy producers need to keep wildlife populations and their habitats in mind, experts say.

"More than half of the (bat) species in the U.S. are either declining or at some risk of decline," said Winifred Frick, chief scientist at Bat Conservation International. "Wind energy is the leading cause of mortality for our long-distance migratory species. And that mortality rate is worryingly high."

Husted said the wind farm in DeWitt County went through his county's approval process twice, ultimately passing a second county board vote. He said there was strong opposition from the community at both meetings.

"It passed, although they had not addressed our concerns," Husted said. "In all of the public meetings, there were just a few people on the 'for' side and a ton of people on the 'against' side. But we were characterized as just a vocal minority."

The wind farm, operated by Enel Green Power, has been in operation for nearly a year. Matthew Saville, a site manager for the wind

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'This will not be 1968'

Chicago police prepare for DNC as whole world watches once again

By Dan Petrella, A.D. Quig and Sam Charles
Chicago Tribune

It's not 1968.

But after anti-war, pro-Palestinian demonstrations roiled college campuses this spring and led to clashes between protesters and police, the specter of the chaos surrounding that summer's Democratic National Convention in Chicago looms as the party returns in August to mark the renomination of President Joe Biden.

To be sure, the landscape is vastly different than it was in the late 1960s, even amid resurgent political violence driven predominantly by the far right. Nevertheless, the influx of potentially tens of thousands of protesters into Chicago during the Aug. 19-22 convention, some of whom have vowed to take to the streets without city permits, raises questions about how prepared Chicago police are for any ensuing unrest.

While similar concerns arose ahead of the last Chicago DNC in 1996, as well as the NATO summit in 2012, divisions among the Democratic coalition are deeper this year, with progressives upset over Biden's ongoing support for Israel in its war against Hamas as well as his recent order clamping down on migrant crossings at the southern border.

Policing has changed substantially over the past several decades, especially for large gatherings such as national political conventions.

Still, with the whole world watching Chicago once again, avoiding any echoes of 1968 — when blue-helmeted officers beat protesting Yippies and working

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Above: Police hold an anti-war protester over the hood of a car in front of the Conrad Hilton in Chicago in 1968 during the Democratic National Convention. CHICAGO TRIBUNE ARCHIVE
At top: Police officers run in formation as the Chicago Police Department offers a first look at officer training at McCormick Place on Thursday in preparation for the Democratic National Convention in August. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Migrant woman searches for missing husband



Jessica Juma, from Ecuador, cries Monday while sitting on the street where her husband, Angel Mashiant, went missing May 25 near a Mariano's in Lakeview. ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Disappearances common as men struggle to find work

By Nell Salzman
Chicago Tribune

During Jessica Juma's first week of work, her husband disappeared.

For nearly six months, the husband and wife from a rural Ecuadorian town had struggled to find jobs in Chicago. They had gone to clinics and panhandled in front of grocery stores.

But then, the 36-year-old mother found a therapist, who helped soothe her trauma and obtain the right paperwork to work legally. When she was offered a job packing fruits and vegetables at Mariano's in Lakeview, her husband told her he was happy she was working. But the 37-year-old still hadn't found a

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The Twin Groves Wind Farm in McLean County on May 7. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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project, said no eagle deaths have been observed at the site so far.

"By avoiding fossil fuel emissions, wind power promotes clean air and water for wildlife," Saville said. "Properly sited wind energy has been endorsed by leading environmental and wildlife groups including the Audubon Society, and Enel diligently studies wildlife patterns to design projects that minimize potential impacts. Wind power's impact on bird mortality is extremely small when compared to other sources, such as collisions with tall buildings and communications towers, vehicle strikes, lead poisoning, and habitat conversion."

Mona Khalil, who leads the Energy and Wildlife Research Program at the U.S. Geological Survey, said significant research still has to be done to determine the overall impact of turbines on bat and bird populations. But, it's clear that wind farms such as the one in DeWitt County present a problem, she added.

Khalil said in most states, including Illinois, it is not mandatory to track or share data measuring bird or bat deaths near wind farms, she said.

"What would be really helpful is if we had better access to this kind of information, then we could really do the kinds of studies that need to be done in order to get a better sense of what the impacts are," Khalil said.

Meaghan Gade, a program manager with the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, which represents state and federal agencies and includes the Illinois Department of Natural Resources among its members, said the organization wants to see developers take wildlife into consideration.

"There are no states that are trying to stand in the way of renewable energy development," Gade said. "What the states are focused on is how can we do that development while mitigating avoidable impacts to wildlife."

Jason Ryan, a spokesperson with the American Clean Power Association, said wind farms across the country have implemented mitigation tactics to reduce the impact of turbines on wildlife.

Other sources of energy, including hydraulic fracking, pose a much higher risk for birds, he said.

"Wind energy companies are recognized leaders in their efforts to understand the potential impacts to wildlife through pre-construction studies and design projects carefully to avoid and minimize wildlife impacts," Ryan said in a statement. "Renewable energy offers the safest and cleanest approach to generating electricity, decreasing air and water pollution that negatively impacts humans and wildlife alike."

According to Khalil, some large farms have implemented technologies that monitor when animals are coming near and have developed strategies to slow collisions. A tower that can detect species flying within 1 kilometer and stop wind turbines on the farm from rotating is one example.

"Installing those types of technologies that can detect if there's actual risk is really good," Khalil said. "If facilities incorporate that into their design and practice operational changes when a risk to an animal is there, that would reduce fatalities."



Solar panels are part of the Glenwood Solar Project in Chicago Heights. **ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2022**

There are a few other methods that could lower bat and bird deaths, according to Frick.

One is to change the "cut-in speed," the speed at which turbine blades spin to generate power. Frick said if wind farms changed their power-generating speed to 11 mph, for example, they could halve the number of bats killed, and at 13 mph, fatalities could decrease between 60% and 80%. Cut-in speeds currently vary between 6 and 9 mph, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

The higher the cut-in speed, the fewer bats and birds would be killed because they can't fly into the structures as easily when the wind speeds are higher, Frick said. Most bat fatalities occur when turbine speeds are low, she said, so requiring that blades spin faster to produce electricity could eliminate some of those deaths.

But that's often not an attractive solution for farms looking to maximize their electricity production.

Turbines also often continue spinning below the cut-in speed when they are not actively producing electricity. Frick said halting turbines during these periods would not tangibly affect the energy produced, and could be another option to help limit bird deaths.

"You can change the tilt of the blades so they won't catch any wind at very low wind speeds," Frick said. "If they're not spinning, they basically are harmless. And it's not costing you any power because they aren't doing much at those speeds anyway."

Bethany Straw, an assistant coordinator at the North American Bat Monitoring Program, said development companies should also ensure renewable energy facilities are being built outside bird and bat habitats. Straw said bats and birds are usually attached to their homes and migratory paths, and when structures are built near a water source, a nest or prey, they can be particularly dangerous.

Encouraging the wind industry to preserve habitats has been a particular focus for bat conservationists, according to Straw.

Deaths from wind energy are one of the two leading causes of death for bats in the country, according to Straw. The other is white-nose syndrome, a fungus that attacks the skin, ear and wind membranes of hibernating bats, and affects their immune system and metabolism. The fungus killed so many bats in the Illinois Caverns in the southwest part of the state that local officials closed them to tourists for more than a decade.

"Habitat change is kind of this nebulous stressor because it can occur in so many different ways, and then those cascading effects you observe can be different for different bats in different habitats," Straw said. "If we can conserve these really important habitats, that helps the population."

Michelle Braswell lives in Clinton County, Iowa, halfway between Des Moines and Chicago. In February, she learned that her neighbor had applied for a permit to construct a wind turbine 1,800 feet from an eagle's nest on her property.

Braswell said she rallied the community around stopping the project, creating yard signs and making a Facebook group with more than 800 members. She said she wants people to be more wary of where they are building turbines.

"So many lobbyists say this is about landowner rights, and a landowner should be able to put wind turbines on their ground wherever they want," Braswell said. "But what about the eagles? They don't stand a chance against these huge blades."

Braswell said there have been multiple delays in the permit process for her neighbor's structure because of unrelated complications, including a lack of voting members at one meeting and a tornado warning at another. The structure is still waiting for approval.

Overall, Frick said, the larger conflict between renewable energy sources and wildlife runs deeper than just the relationship between wind farms and birds.

Wind and solar power are expected to play dominant roles in expanding the nation's supply of clean electricity and are crucial to efforts to reach net-zero emissions, studies show. The Biden administration has set a goal of a carbon-free power sector by 2035 and net-zero carbon emissions economy-wide by 2050. In Illinois, a 2021 state law outlaws coal- and gas-fired electricity by 2045.

While habitat loss and collision risks are also concerns with solar farms, there is not as much evidence about the threat to wildlife, according to experts.

"With wind farms, it's easy to say we know survival is impacted, right?" said Liz Kalies, a lead renewable energy scientist at the Nature Conservancy. "We know there are direct strikes. We know there's direct mortality from wind farms. Solar is trickier because we don't have very much direct mortality."

Kalies said there are a number of ways that solar developers can also prioritize wildlife. Like with wind farms, building solar energy in natural habitats can affect mammals and birds.

"When you cut down forests, when you remove natural habitat, it's certainly going to be a loss," Kalies said. "But when you start with degraded lands, mine lands, brownfields, landfills, everything you do from that point on is an improvement."

Some solar farms in wildlife-heavy habitats have implemented design tools such as animal-friendly fencing, Kalies said, so that nearby animals can continue to use the space. Others have pursued vegetation management, planting wildflowers and other pollinator habitats inside the solar farm to preserve the existing natural habitat.

Kalies said there is still research being done to measure the overall impact of solar farms on the surrounding landscape. But, she said, scientists have observed all types of animals, from bobcats to possums, on solar farms.

Overall, Kalies said, wildlife conservation needs to be a consideration for any renewable energy site. Frick agreed.

"Even if things like solar panels are preferable to wind turbines when it comes to bats, we need to be focusing on not converting any kind of animal habitat into solar fields or any other kind of development site," Frick said. "It's all part of a bigger balancing act."

According to Gade, project manager with the Fish & Wildlife Agencies, there are currently no incentives or regulations that require developers to take wildlife into account.

But conservation should start at the beginning of any development process, she said.

"Remember that we can do both," Gade said. "We can have renewable energy development, which is necessary to meet emission reduction goals, but we can also have wildlife conservation. Let's make development happen responsibly."

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Gang members charged in teenager's death

Fed racketeering charges accuse two with slaying

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune



Sister Jennifer Ramirez, left, and mother Lourdes Lara of Chrys Carvajal, the 19-year old National Guard member killed over the July Fourth weekend, hold a banner with Carvajal's photo during a rally for peace at Riis Park in the Belmont-Cragin neighborhood of Chicago on July 24, 2021. VASHON JORDAN JR./CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Weeks after a high-profile FBI raid on a quiet Lincoln Square street, federal racketeering charges have been unsealed accusing two gang members in the 2021 drive-by slaying of a teenage National Guard member on the Northwest Side.

Gary Roberson, who goes by the nickname "Gotti," and Joseph Matos, whose street name is "Troubles," were charged in an indictment unsealed Thursday with murder in furtherance of racketeering conspiracy, which could bring the death penalty if convicted, court records show.

Roberson, 40, of Chicago, was arrested May 16 and is being held without bond. That same day, the FBI raided a home in the 2200 block of West Farragut Avenue, where Matos was believed to be living with relatives, but he was not found there, according to court records.

Matos remained a fugitive as of Friday, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

The indictment alleged Roberson and Matos are members of the Milwaukee Kings, a street gang based on Chicago's North Side that uses violence and intimidation to control turf and boost its reputation.

The bare-bones, 18-page indictment alleged only one specific act of violence: the July 3, 2021, slaying of Chrys Carvajal, who was fatally shot in the back and abdomen in the 2200 block of North Lockwood Avenue in the Hanson Park neighborhood on the Northwest Side.

According to Tribune reports at the time, Carvajal had recently completed Army basic training and was waiting to be assigned to a unit with the Illinois National Guard.

The 19-year-old grew up in the Austin neighborhood before his mother, who raised him and three other siblings, moved them to Portage Park out of fear of violence, relatives told the Tribune.

Police arrested a suspect shortly after the shooting but the Cook County state's attorney's office declined charges at the time, citing a lack of evidence. Court records show the indictment against Roberson and Matos was filed under seal on May 14. Two days later, neighbors on West Farragut emerged from their houses as more than two dozen FBI officers wearing camouflage circled a house on foot. Agents used flash bangs prior to entry, shattering a front window of the two-story beige-colored home.

It's unclear what evidence was gathered. The search warrant filed in the case remains under seal.

At a news conference after Carvajal's slaying, his sister, Jennifer Ramirez said he was home on leave from basic training for less than a month before he was killed leaving a house party.

"He was fighting for our country," Ramirez said. "He comes to Chicago, and he gets killed in the streets of Chicago."

She said her brother, who died a week before his 20th birthday, aspired to be a police officer since he was a young boy, and he cared deeply for his family and others. "We have to live a whole life without my brother," she said. "You always see the news and think it's going to happen to somebody else and never you."

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FBI agents walk near an armored vehicle after entering a residential building in the 2200 block of West Farragut Avenue on May 16 in Chicago. ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE

Markham donates fire truck to Liberia

By Jeff Vorva
Chicago Tribune



Republic of Liberia official Erasmus T. Williams dons Markham firefighter gear Wednesday after the city donated a fire truck to his country. JEFF VORVA/FOR DAILY SOUTHTOWN

It was like an adult version of a touch-a-truck event.

Erasmus T. Williams, a high-ranking official for the Republic of Liberia, climbed up into the driver's seat of Markham fire truck No. 1533 Wednesday night with a big smile on his face.

He was also like a kid in a candy store dressing up in firefighter gear, which he wore over his dark blue suit.

Williams, who holds the lengthy title of coordinator/deputy minister rank diaspora affairs and ministry of state for presidential affairs of Liberia, was having fun with the truck but can't wait for it to come into his West African country for some serious business.

Markham Mayor Roger Agpawa presented Williams and other Liberia officials with ceremonial keys to the 2001 fire truck, which the city has donated to the country. Liberia officials said there are just 10 fire trucks serving a nation of 6 million people, which has been causing strife for years but more so recently.

"We came here to let you know how important this donation is," Williams told the City Council. "It doesn't have to do with the amount — it has to do with the time. It was time for the city of Markham to respond and this will go down in the history of our country and the people of Liberia will forever be grateful."

Markham native Moriel McClerklin, the African Diaspora Union ambassador to the United States and Canada, had a hand in getting the word out to various communities about the need for fire equipment in Liberia.

"There is a crisis that the country is having," McClerklin said. "There have been a number of fires in the country that have occurred and there has been limited fire equipment. They are just standing by watching buildings burn down."

He said the last significant disaster occurred in April, when the country's House Speaker J. Fonati Koffa's home was gutted in the capital city of Monrovia.

"People were in the streets just crying." McClerklin said.

McClerklin said he reached out to several communities.

It just so happened that in recent weeks, Markham purchased a new fire truck and city officials were trying to figure out what to do with the 2001 truck. The old truck received a new engine and looked so clean parked outside of City Hall that one firefighter joked, "Maybe we should keep it."

Logistics are still being worked on for transporting the truck to West Africa, but once it arrives, it will be welcomed with open arms.

"You just cannot imagine how significant of an act that this is for the Republic of Liberia," McClerklin said. "You are the first city that has responded to this urgent cry for help."

Agpawa, who was gifted with a robe and hat by Liberia officials, has been invited to Liberia for a visit.

"We want to continue to be a blessing," Agpawa said. "We've been blessed. We've done it regionally and now across the globe. We are doing what this government is called to do.

"We're just grateful to be able to do that and I'm looking forward to the partnership of us working together."

The mayor, a former fire chief in Country Club Hills, said if he visits Liberia, he could use his firefighting knowledge to pass on to firefighters in that country.

Fire chief Chris Nearing, who said a new fire engine costs in the $1 million neighborhood, said despite the truck's age, it is in good shape.

"We actually just purchased a new engine and then this (the donation) came up and it's a great place for it to be donated to," he said.

"It's seen a lot of action in the last 24 years. Over there, it could last another 20 years," Nearing said. "Their environment is a little different than ours. They are not dealing with the salt and cold."

Jeff Vorva is a freelance reporter for the Daily Southtown.

Naperville devises new disaster relief program

By Tess Kenny
Naperville Sun

Almost three years after an EF3 tornado ripped through Naperville's Ranchview neighborhood, the city is using lessons learned in its wake to better tackle relief efforts should disaster strike again.

A new program being created in partnership with local nonprofit Loaves & Fishes Community Services received unanimous approval from city leaders at Tuesday's Naperville City Council meeting.

It was spurred by the twister that struck the city in June 2021, leaving hundreds of homes uninhabitable or damaged, eight people injured and an untold number of trees destroyed. The disaster put Naperville's emergency preparedness to the test and exposed areas needing improvement, especially in the recovery process.

The disaster relief program approved this week is a product of hindsight reflection, staff members for both the city and Loaves & Fishes say.

"The city is always looking ... internally as to how we can improve emergency response," said Marcie Schatz, assistant to the city manager. "This is a great example of how we work with and leverage partners in the community that excel in their various spaces."

For Loaves & Fishes, which has been providing food support to Naperville and surrounding communities for the past 40 years, that's getting assistance to those that require it most, a resource Naperville needed three years ago.

After the tornado, the city found itself in a philanthropic dilemma: lots of people around the community wanted to help but there wasn't a locally-devoted place where they could direct those efforts, Schatz said.

There was some direct relief facilitated by way of gift cards doled out to affected homeowners as well as opportunities to donate to the Red Cross, which aided Naperville in its disaster relief response. But there wasn't any organized donation program or fund that would have allowed philanthropic-minded neighbors to personally contribute to the recovery, Schatz said.

The city's joint venture with Loaves & Fishes addresses that shortcoming. Per terms approved Tuesday, the partners would launch a relief fund for those impacted and in need of immediate financial assistance should another disaster occur. The fund would cover basic needs support, including food, shelter and counseling.

Loaves & Fishes would be responsible for working with donors and managing and administering the money collected. The city's role would be to provide fund information and updates to the public.

Whether an event activates the disaster relief program would be determined by a standing advisory committee composed of city and Loaves & Fishes personnel as well as two community members. The committee would meet on a needed basis.

Schatz said potential members and roles for the committee have been discussed but what it will look like and who will be involved are among next steps to be taken.

Janet Derrick, Loaves & Fishes executive vice president of programs, said Wednesday, "Even though it could be years before another disaster happens, we want to try and get this program (and our committee) set up so we have it in place. You don't want to set it up as the disaster is happening.

"We of course hope that disaster never happens ... but what this program does is give people more clarity on how to help if it does," she said.

Meanwhile, as one door opens with disaster relief, another closes.

Earlier this year, a months-long effort to replace and revive dozens of lawns left devastated by the June 2021 tornado finally concluded. The remediation project was headed by the volunteer-led Naperville Tornado Relief, which came together in 2022 to make sure homeowners hit hardest by the disaster got the help they needed to fully recover.

Its work was commemorated with a proclamation from the Naperville City Council in January. Just a few weeks ago, the DuPage County Board honored the group's organizers — Kelly Dougherty, Kristy Kennedy and Selvei Rajkumar of Naperville — did the same.

The proclamation was presented at Ranch View Elementary School on June 1 by District 3 County Board member Lucy Chang Evans on behalf of board Chair Deborah Conroy. Evans said this week that delivering the proclamation felt like "a healing moment."

Dougherty, speaking over the phone Wednesday, echoed Evans.

"It's been such a long healing process for this community," she said. "I think that it was kind of the perfect book end, so to speak."

Lake Co. cities seeking funds for pipe replacement

By Steve Sadin
Lake County News-Sun

When Waukegan applied for $3.7 million in funding from the State of Illinois in the form of a loan for its lead pipe replacement program a year ago, the city did not qualify for more attractive loan terms as a disadvantaged community.

As the city prepares to seek $3.5 million for the state's coming fiscal year starting July 1, modified rules will enable Waukegan to have the loan forgiven as long as the U.S. census rates the areas of the city involved as disadvantaged.

Gary Bigenheimer, the section manager for the State Revolving Fund Loan Program, said the federal government — which provides the money — now requires that the requests to include the census information.

"Even affluent communities can have disadvantaged areas," he said. "A disadvantaged community is one where the median income is less than the state average. Waukegan did not qualify last year, but parts of Waukegan qualify now."

"We intend to use the plan. We're getting the lead out of Waukegan."

— Jesus Alquicira, Waukegan's city engineer

Jesus Alquicira, Waukegan's city engineer, said he made sure the 400 to 500 buildings which will have their lead pipes replaced between July 1 and June 30 of next year are from areas that qualify as disadvantaged.

"We intend to use the plan," he said. "We're getting the lead out of Waukegan."

Waukegan and North Chicago both plan to take advantage of more than $240 million the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gave to the Illinois EPA (IEPA) in May for lead pipe replacement as part of President Joe Biden's Investing in America agenda.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker said in a news release from the IEPA that Illinois is receiving more money for lead pipe replacement that any other state. The funds will be used to, "equitably identify and replace lead pipes statewide."

Bigenheimer said 51% of the loans are low-interest and long-term, going to areas which are not necessarily disadvantaged. Another 49% are designed for disadvantaged areas and are forgivable.

"It means they are basically a grant," he said. "If you have not used the money by March 3, you must reapply."

There is a mandate to replace all lead pipes with copper ones, but no requirement exists forcing municipalities to pay for the replacement to avoid contaminated drinking water. Both Waukegan Mayor Ann Taylor and North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham Jr. said their cities are footing the bill.

"We are finding every grant and every program we can to raise the money for this," Taylor said. "Most of the lead pipes are in the older parts of town. There aren't many in the eighth and ninth wards, which are our higher-income communities."

There are a limited number of contractors who do lead pipe replacement. Taylor said it is important to quickly get bids to expedite funding applications to the IEPA. The window from the time the city city approves its budget until the application deadline is only a few months.

"We're all competing for the same people, and we're all trying to access the same funds," Taylor said. "This sets up competition, and we're all using the same contractors."

Starting the Waukegan program a little more than two years ago, officials started by asking residents to supply photos or do other tests to determine if their homes had lead pipes. Alquicira said pipes have been replaced in approximately 550 homes thus far.

Most of the replacements being done are east of McAree Road. With hopes of doing 400 to 500 a year, Alquicira said he estimates there are approximately 9,000 homes with lead pipes rather than copper or galvanized.

Rockingham said a $500,000 grant courtesy of U.S. Sen. Richard Durbin is helping North Chicago replace lead pipes in buildings in the areas around Park Drive, 16th Street and Hervey Avenue.

"This is where we have a lot of older homes," Rockingham said. "We have more lead pipes in homes east of Lewis Avenue. We'll be applying for the new IEPA (forgivable) loans."

People who live in homes built after 1986 most likely do not have lead pipes. Regardless, Alquicira said residents who have not completed the city's survey about their piping situation should do so because the program is ongoing.

Going to the city's website, Alquicira said participants should let the city know if they are an owner or renter, and whether the property is residential or commercial. They should take a picture of the area from the water meter to the wall and upload it.

"There is also a scratch test to help us know if the pipes are copper, galvanized or lead," Alquicira said.



Bettina Sailer stands in front of the cicada sanctuary she built in her North Aurora front yard. She has been transferring the insects from other suburbs to the sanctuary, hoping that in 17 years this area will see more cicadas. DENISE CROSBY

Woman's cicada sanctuary generates buzz in North Aurora



Denise Crosby

Bettina Sailer is creating quite the buzz in North Aurora.

That's because the 58-year-old inventory specialist for Walgreens has built a noticeable cicada sanctuary in her front yard along Oak Street, where she believes at least three species of these trending insects are indeed making plenty of noise in their rare but short time in the limelight.

By now you've probably figured out the cicada tsunami we've been hearing about for months — with the coinciding appearance of the 17-year and 13-year broods — is hardly even a sprinkle for us in the Fox Valley. Up until I met Sailer this week, I'd seen exactly one cicada — in my garage. Dead and with no way of letting me know how it got there or where it came from.

The same local drought happened when the 17-year cicadas made their last appearance in Illinois. Back in 2007, Sailer also went around collecting more than 800 of the rare insects as they were emerging in other communities. Like now, she brought them home to North Aurora in the hopes they would complete their fascinating life cycle — hatching eggs that would burrow deep into our local soil and emerge in 2024.

And "it worked," she swears, though "not on a grand scale."

According to the village of North Aurora's online "Cicada Tracker," a half-dozen or so small pockets of cicadas were reported less than a mile from Sailer's house. Cicadas typically fly less than a half-mile away from where they emerged from the ground, experts say.

On May 23, she was thrilled to discover a cicada nymph on a backyard tree. And her friend Nancy, who lives a couple blocks away, also found more than a dozen on her property.

Sailer tenderly narrated to me how she watched her one and only homegrown cicada transform from nymph, shedding its exoskeleton, into a full-fledged adult.

"I cried," she confesses, her feelings evident as she recalls that moment. "I felt like I had given birth."

To mark that occasion, Sailer last week added several tattoos to her left arm that depict those developmental stages. This extra arm ink, in addition to the cicada necklace, earrings and one of more than a dozen T-shirts she likes to wear, make her a notable personality as she's gone about collecting cicadas.

In the past few weeks alone, Sailer has traveled to a multitude of cicada-rich communities, including Park Ridge, Lombard, Petersburg, Springfield, Riverside, Westchester and four times to Wheaton, gathering 4,063 of these insects in cylinder butterfly catchers. A Maywood teacher also brought her around 135 collected by her students.

Then she transplants them into her 40- by 100-foot netted area in her yard that is now secured with 145 stakes to keep predators, including armies of hungry sparrows, from aggressively seeking ways inside this sanctuary.

In case you are wondering, none of her 4,000-plus cicadas are being released into the community. The netting keeps them in the sanctuary where they will finish up their most unusual life cycle. In two weeks, she will remove most of it so that only the trees will be covered to protect the cicada eggs, Sailer said.

Once the eggs fall to the ground, this project will come to an end, she said.

"Be free! Be free!," she calls out to each of the 800 cicadas brought back from Riverside on Monday, scooping them from the catcher before gently tossing the insects into a covered crabapple tree inside the sanctuary.

They certainly make their presence known at Sailer's North Aurora address.

The moment I exited my vehicle, I was treated to their pulsating cacophony that she believes is actually three different sounds made by three species. Within seconds of stepping over the low fence and into the netted area, I was up close and personal with a handful of cicadas as they landed on my shirt, arm and in my hair.

No need to worry, Sailer assures me as I gaze for the first time into the big red eyes of these remarkable — and far larger than I thought — insects. "They have no teeth and are really quite docile."

Not surprisingly, this cicada lover has an encyclopedia of knowledge about each species, much of which she shared with me as she showed off her sanctuary that is drawing both negative and positive responses.

Sailer even flipped over a couple of her six-legged guests to show me he difference between the male, which dies soon after mating, and the female, which makes tiny slits in pencil-sized tree twigs, where it lays its eggs before also dying.

Once hatched, young cicadas fall to the ground and burrow deep into the Earth for the next 13 or 17 years, depending on the brood. Which is why she's convinced her efforts will eventually bring cicadas to the area, although it likely will take hundreds of years to make any significant impact.

Sailer is equally certain she's the only one attempting this kind of transfer, even more notable because Sailer insists "I hate most bugs."

Does that fact, then, make this cicada fascination — obsession, some would say — all the more quirky?

Sailer smiles when I offer that word.

"There's not anybody else crazy like me doing this," she says, adding that husband Ed has absolutely no interest in this passion project but "wants me to be happy ... and this makes me happy."

So much so that Sailer is eager to spread the word.

Each day on Facebook this mother of two adult children, who plays saxophone with the Batavia Community Band, shares pictures and details about her uncommon adventure, including a running total of transfers and where each cicada originated.

Although there are plenty who have reacted negatively on social media to what she's doing, Sailer tells me she also gets support from people who appreciate this project, some of whom stop by to check it out for themselves.

"I love the sound of these guys ... I think the whole thing is fascinating," she says. "And I want to be alive 17 years from now to experience it again."

Arlington Heights Trustee Grasse appointed 53rd District state rep.

By Eilzabeth Owens-Schiele

Another Arlington Heights trustee will exit the Village Board headed for the General Assembly, with Nicolle Grasse picked Wednesday to replace Mark Walker as state representative of the 53rd District.

"I was grateful, surprised and humbled," Grasse told Pioneer Press after being appointed. "It's kind of surreal but I'm really excited to get started."

Democratic committee leaders from Wheeling, Maine, Palatine and Elk Grove townships met Wednesday at the Mount Prospect Public Library to question the six applicants who had been vying for the seat vacated by Arlington Heights Democrat Mark Walker after he was appointed to the state Senate.

Walker was picked May 11 to take over the 27th District state Senate after Ann Gillespie — another Arlington Heights Democrat — resigned when Gov. J.B. Priztker appointed her in April to head the Illinois Department of Insurance.



Arlington Heights Village Trustee Nicolle Grasse on Wednesday was appointed state representative of the 53rd District. ELIZABETH OWENS-SCHIELE/FOR THE PIONEER PRESS

After being selected Wednesday night, Grasse, 57, was sworn in by a judge and immediately took on the state lawmaker role. However, she plans to complete her term as Arlington Heights trustee, which runs through 2025.

The appointment to state representative runs through the term expiration, which is this year. So, to continue in the role, Grasse will be on the ballot in the general election in November. Walker had been running unopposed in that race.

"I felt confident I was able to fill this vacancy," Grasse said about being a state rep. "For the remaining term, it's about preparing for the next election."

She was elected to the Arlington Heights Village Board in 2021. With her new appointment, Grasse becomes the latest village trustee to work simultaneous elected leader roles. Mary Beth Canty chose to remain in her village trustee position through April 2023 after being elected state representative in November 2022.

Grasse could possibly be state rep and village trustee through 2025.

Her first order of business as a state lawmaker, she said, is to meet with her campaign committee, fellow committee persons and the Democratic caucus while reaching out to residents in the district — which includes Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Elk Grove Village and Schaumburg.

The five other applicants who sought the position were Mount Prospect Village Trustee Terri Gens, former Rolling Meadows Mayor Joe Gallo, U.S. Navy Reservist and union carpenter Phillip Dukes, Jason Wynkoop, a licensed social worker and chief program officer at the Chicago Children Advocacy Center, and former Mount Prospect School District 57 Board member Joe Sonnefeldt. Each applicant was given five minutes to make a statement introducing themselves to the committee and the 35 people in attendance at the meeting.

Committee members — which included Walker, representing Wheeling Township, state Sen. Laura Murphy, D-Park Ridge, for Maine Township, Ted Mason of Elk Grove Township and Marie Gallo for Palatine Township — asked each applicant a series of questions then went into executive session for about 30 minutes to discuss. Their selection was unanimous.

"It was a hard choice. I was delighted with the candidates," Walker told Pioneer Press after the announcement. "I first hesitated to go to the Senate because I wasn't sure of my backup.

"Nicolle is a person who knows how to deal with adversity and knows how to deal with difficult situations and knows how to deal with difficult people," Walker said. "Her position in years of being in hospice is what makes that work. She's also one of the first people to deal with the AIDS epidemic in terms of personal contact with people even when doctors and nurses wouldn't do it. She brings that kind of credibility. I think she's a good choice."

During her remarks Wednesday, Grasse spoke of her commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, public health, increasing affordable housing, working for common sense gun reform, paying down debt and caring for the most vulnerable.

She told Pioneer Press she is a strong supporter LGBTQ+ community.

"I'm an ally," Grasse said. "It's the people I met during the AIDS crisis that set me on that path for justice."

Grasse lives in Arlington Heights with her husband, Mike, a retired high school teacher, and her daughter, who is in college.

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Will County Forest Preserves considers $50M bond sale

By Michelle Mullins
For Daily Southtown

The Will County Forest Preserve District Board will vote next week on a proposal to issue up to $50 million in bonds to preserve land, increase trails, improve forest preserve access, restore habitats and improve facilities.

Because the district is retiring bonds, the impact of the forest district's line item for a Will County taxpayer is expected to decrease.

Forest district officials said the owner of a $300,000 home currently pays $116 to the forest preserve district. If the bond issue is approved, the same homeowner would pay $95. If the bond issue is rejected, the homeowner would pay $86, district officials said.

"In 2024, we will retire a significant amount of debt, and so that portion of the levy will be reduced by about 60%," Executive Director Ralph Schultz said. "At times like this in the past, the board has chosen to fund a continuation of the (capital improvement program) but still give property tax owners a tax break."



A fisherman pulls his boat out of Whalon Lake south of Naperville on July 9, 2020.
SUZANNE BAKER/NAPERVILLE SUN

Under the $50 million five-year program, the district would use about $25 million to preserve between 1,000 and 1,250 acres of land; $13 million for trail access improvements and facility improvements; and $12 million for habitat reconstruction and natural area restoration, Schultz said.

The forest district board conducted a public hearing Thursday before recommending the plan to be sent for a vote at 9 a.m. June 13 at the Will County office complex, 302 N. Chicago St., Joliet.

Schultz and Deputy Director Tracy Chapman spent more than an hour of the public hearing reading about 200 emails from residents, the majority of them opposing the bond issue.

Residents said that property taxes are too high, the district should operate within its current budget and senior citizens who live on fixed incomes were being taxed out of their homes. Opponents also said the project was non-essential, unimportant and too few people use the forest preserve district.

About 15% of the emails were from residents who supported the plan, saying preserving green space is important to future generations, residents reap the mental and physical health benefits from being among nature and the forest district makes Will County a desirable place to live, work and play. Supportive emails noted the taxes would go down under the districts $50 million capital improvement program because of the retiring debt.

Board member Mark Revis, a Republican from Plainfield, said he took credit for the emails from residents who were opposed.

"Property taxes are absolutely out of control," said Revis. "They are sick of things that add burden to their property tax bills."

Revis said property taxes could be going down further if the bonds were not sold. He said selling bonds is optional and does not affect the services the forest district provides. Residents have other ways to get outdoor recreation, he said.

Several other board members said they thought Revis was misconstruing the information to residents.

"I just wish you could stop lying, causing fear, dysfunction (and) division online and having people write in saying 'I don't want my taxes going up,' when literally they are going down," said board member Natalie Coleman, a Democrat from Plainfield.

Republican board member Julie Berkowicz, of Naperville, said land the forest preserve district would buy prevents it from becoming a residential home development that would put a burden on municipalities, roads, police, first responders and school districts, leading to higher taxes.

"If this bond passes, I'm going to appreciate the fact we will have a higher quality of living because our forest preserve has done an incredible job," Berkowicz said.

Board member Dan Butler, a Republican from Frankfort, said the forest preserve district benefits residents countywide.

"Very few times we have the opportunity to provide a service for our public that actually provides to so much of our public," he said. "I don't want to be made to feel that I'm not a fiscal conservative because I am going to support this bond. I think it's a wise expenditure."

Member Jim Richmond, a Republican from Mokena, said the forest preserve district makes up about 1.46% of the property tax bill, and the other taxing bodies are responsible for much of the tax increases residents have complained about.

"The other 98.5% did a lot of damage," Richmond said.

The forest district has several projects within its capital improvement program, including adding connections with the DuPage River Trail with Naperville, Bolingbrook and the district's Whalon Lake and Hidden Lakes and Hidden Oaks preserves. The district plans to partner with multiple municipalities and park districts on trail connections including Naperville, Aurora, Plainfield and New Lenox.

The district would also improve Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher, which was last renovated in 2002.

Some of the areas targeted for habitat reconstruction or natural restoration include 250 acres of the Riverview Farmstead in Naperville, 250 acres of the Jackson Creek Preserve in Green Garden Township and 200 acres of the Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve and 550 acres of Plum Valley Ravines in Crete Township. No new staff will be hired as part of the program, Schultz said.

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Parents question Dolton District 149 officials

Renovations, temp classrooms raise residents' concerns

By Olivia Stevens
Daily Southtown



Mashantala Kidd, who has a son within the Dolton school district, raises her hand to ask a question during a town hall meeting Wednesday. OLIVIA STEVENS/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

Dolton Elementary District 149 shared plans for major renovations at three elementary schools over two years during a town hall meeting Wednesday, leaving some parents worried about the learning environment for their children in the meantime.

Berger-Vandenberg and Diekman schools in Dolton and Caroline Sibley in Calumet City are to be renovated back-to-back from this summer through January 2026, Superintendent Maureen White told about 100 parents, children and others.

"We are going to have three new schools — imagine that," White said. "Three new schools in two years. As a taxpayer, I think it's important that you know where your tax dollars go. And what better place for your tax dollars to go than to new schools for our children."

Before announcing the specific changes, White asked everyone in the audience to shout, "new." All buildings will be have new windows, floors, ceilings, lighting, restrooms, doors and lockers as well as computer labs and media centers, she said. Depending on the district's ability to fund them, some schools will have new main offices and gymnasiums.

"We have to prioritize because we're not a rich school district," White said.

When the district raises enough funds, it will put new gyms and media centers in the incomplete schools, she said.

Berger-Vandenberg students should be able to return to their school after the upcoming winter break, White said. Diekman construction will close the school from January through August 2025, with students able to return the following fall. Construction at Caroline Sibley will last from August 2025 through January 2026, with students coming back after that year's winter break.

But White cautioned the schedule is subject to change if renovations stall for any reason.

"What I don't want you all to do is hold us fast and tight on this timeline," White said.

She mentioned supply chain issues following the COVID-19 pandemic as presenting potential holdups on certain building updates.

Students at the three affected schools will be placed in temporary classrooms in other elementary schools depending on the status of the renovations. For example, while Caroline Sibley undergoes renovations, those students will be brought into the already completed Diekman and Berger-Vandenberg buildings.

Latasha and Marcellus Ford said they were skeptical of some of the plans, raising concerns about knowing in advance about changes in bus routes that would affect their soon-to-be second grade daughter with school locations change.

"Everything is so not together right now," Latasha Ford said.

Marcellus Ford said communications from the school district are inconsistent, with parents finding out important information, such as date and time of the town hall meeting, through robocall with little advanced notice.

Those worries were echoed by parents Mario and Mashantala Kidd, who expressed frustrations about what they said was a lack of clarity provided by White during the question-and-answer portion of the meeting. They said the school renovations could exacerbate issues that already exist within the district.

"I'd like to see what the space they're moving them into is going to look like," Mashantala Kidd said.

Mario Kidd asked if the other school would be overcrowded during the renovation.

"As far as physical bodies, it's already … 30-some students in a class. Where are these other kids going to go?" he asked. "You're talking about a whole school and putting them in that building that doesn't have a lot of space as it is."

White said the school board chose to prioritize keeping children within the district to help with busing logistics, and said students will have access to the same technologies they had in their own schools.

"I need for everyone to understand there will be no slight to any of our students because of the move," White said. "They will have the same teaching and learning experiences that they currently have in their building."

White also announced several changes to curriculum for middle school students this upcoming year. Students will change their studies to take part in the Creative Communications Academy in sixth grade, the School of Fine Arts in seventh grade and the STEM Academy in eighth grade, rather than choosing one of schools of focus for their seventh and eighth grade years.

She said over the past few years the curricula for the three separate paths have blended together and students will benefit from being able to learn more about each topic.

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Smith Village exhibit celebrates century since opening in Beverly

By Janice Neumann
For Daily Southtown



Smith Village residents Ann Ward, from left, Dorothy Pawelski, Sandra Morrison and Phyllis Tucker view an exhibit at the Beverly Arts Center about the history of the retirement community founded in Chicago's Beverly community. MARC MONAGHAN

A century after opening as Oakhaven Old People's Home in 1924, the nonprofit Smith Village in Chicago's Beverly community along with its offshoot, Smith Crossing in Orland Park, is celebrating its centennial with an exhibit illustrating how care for older residents has changed over the decades.

The exhibit also casts a wider look at outside events large and small that have shaped the community.

"It just brings back memories — you forget certain things," said retired nurse Phyllis Tucker, 85, who has lived at Smith Village with her husband, Roosevelt Tucker Jr., for over three years. "It really made an impression. … I think it's really good for the young folks to see that."

Titled "20/20: One Hundred Years in Focus—Smith Communities in a Changing World," the exhibit, open for viewing until June 29, traces the retirement community's roots to 1924 when it started out as Oakhaven. The name was changed to Washington and Jane Smith's Home in 1929 as a way to honor benefactor Emilie Smith, and later was renamed Smith Village.

It provided homes for older people and jobs during the Depression, offered a "safe haven" for them during World War II and the Korean War, when many residents had children in the Armed Forces, the exhibit states. And Smith Village met a key need in the 1960s when the number of older people "surged." In 1991 a new wing was installed for continuing care.

Around Smith, the world was changing. There was the prohibition in 1920-33, the World's Fair in Chicago 1933-34 and the first nuclear reaction unveiled at the University of Chicago as part of the Manhattan Project in 1942.

"You just saw how time passed and everything was changing," Tucker said. "It shows you the radio age — I remember sitting on the floor listening to the radio with my family."

Sandra Morrison, Tucker's sister, has lived at Smith Village for 12 years, and, like her sister, was already a longtime resident of the neighborhood. She said several of her neighbors and friends have also moved there.

"Smith is like a community, everyone knows one another and we're all so close, which seniors need," said Morrison, who is in her early 80s and worked as a teacher, social worker and several other jobs before retiring.

Morrison said she recognized some of the changes in the facility as a resident.

"One of the things that really impressed me is how Smith had to make adjustments according to the population of the world, even with communication," said Morrison, who participates in computer classes there. "When I first came here, they stuck things on the elevator. Now you go online.

"We've had to learn to adapt and push ourselves, too, which is a good thing."

She also noted that a road was built when Smith opened, "so it advanced the community right away."

Mary Ellen Lavoie, who has lived at Smith for several years, was impressed with the exhibit.

"It covered a lot of history of the area and how they've grown with the area," said Lavoie, who taught scripture at Mother McAuley High School before retiring. "It was easy to go around and see."

Kevin McGee, president and CEO of Smith Senior Living, who has worked there for more than 25 years, said family, staff, current and former trustees had spent the past 18 months mulling over ways to celebrate the 100 year milestone.

Among those who contributed to the exhibit were Linda Lamberty of Ridge Historical Society, Elizabeth Paulson, who supervises Orland Park's heritage sites, and Orland Park history researcher Mike Duffy. Photography is from archives of the Chicago History Museum, Ridge Historical Society, John H. Vanderpoel Art Association, village of Orland Park, and photographers Mark Ballogg, Robert Bonicoro, Greg Lochow, Mati Maldre, Marc Monaghan and Waldemar Reichert.

McGee said his grandmother was a resident of Washington and Jane Smith Home, and now his parents live at Smith.

"We're just excited about this milestone," said McGee. "It's a yearlong celebration for both our residents and staff and hopefully the community at large."

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Celebrating Puerto Rico

People take part in a car caravan on West North Avenue during the 46th Puerto Rican People's Day Parade on Saturday in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood.

Morton Grove police officer dies of cancer

By Richard Requena
Pioneer Press

A Morton Grove police sergeant who also served in Naperville died of pancreatic cancer on May 31. He was 51 years old.

State records show Sgt. Jason Rago began his career in law enforcement with the Naperville Police Department in 1996. He joined the Morton Grove Police Department in August 2000 and remained there for the rest of his life. According to his wife, Monica Rago, he had been battling cancer for more than a year.

"He loved being a dad and doing his job," Monica Rago told Pioneer Press. She also served with him briefly in the Morton Grove police department, where she was a community service officer and he was her supervisor. "As far as a supervisor, he was great, very understanding, viewed everything from all angles — just to make sure that everybody stayed safe and did their job."

Police Chief Michael Simo said Jason Rago received many letters of appreciation and commendation throughout his 24 years of service to the department. "We have to make a lot of quick decisions, and nobody makes a quick decision like a patrol sergeant. (Jason) was especially good at that. He could assess the situation, figure out the best solution for it, and then talk people into doing the best right thing to help their problem work itself out," Simo said.



Rago

Simo said even during Jason Rago's last year on the force, he continued to have a good attitude and did desk work up until the month he died. "He told me that he thought it was very important to set an example as he went through his illness that people look at him and see he was trying to handle it as cheerfully and as matter of fact as possible."

During his tenure in the department, Jason Rago was a founding member of the safety commission, a peer support team and honor guard, Simo said. He added that Jason Rago also planned the Greater Chicago Jewish Festival and Morton Grove days a few times.

A GoFundMe page for Jason Rago was set up in November after his tumor increased in size and his cancer spread and was reclassified as being in stage 4.

Monica Rago said she received a lot of support from the police departments in the months leading to her husband's death as well as now. "They're always family to me... They've been there for me and Jason, to support anything he ever needed or I ever needed."

Monica Rago said her husband lived by a motto: "Keep fighting the good fight. Never give up, and remember to smile every day." While he was dealing with cancer, Monica Rago said, "he never gave up, was fearless and was courageous throughout the chemo treatments and fought to the very end."

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job himself. The stress was taking a toll.

On May 25, as Juma worked inside the store, her husband panhandled outside with the couple's 15-year-old son, 19-year-old daughter and 6-month-old grandchild. A little before 8:30 a.m., he told the teens he was going to buy some new shoes. Then he left and never came back.

"It was like normal. Everything was normal, but we never heard from him again," Juma said.

Since his disappearance, Juma has spent weeks in a daze, holding back tears. She's walked along the lakefront, calling his name — Angel Mashiant. She's filed a missing person's report and approached police cars to ask for help.

She's gotten no answers from police and doesn't know what to do. Though it's uncertain what happened to Juma's husband, the migrant mother represents a common phenomenon for new arrivals: After traveling thousands of miles to make it to the U.S., some migrant men seemingly walk out or vanish from the lives of their partners and children, leaving them to fend for themselves.

As more than 43,000 migrants have passed through Chicago, sent on buses and planes from the southern border since August 2022, hundreds of single mothers with children can be found staying in the 17 shelters run by the city and state. It's unclear how many had arrived with partners.

The women who have been left are now trying to find work while raising their children — all without the help of their partners.

Licensed therapists and those working closely with migrants say the frustration and shame felt by men of not being able to provide for their families may be a factor in their choice to just walk away."We see cases like that," said Ana Gil-Garcia, founder of the Illinois Venezuelan Alliance, who has led informational sessions for migrants at dozens of shelters across the city. "When men can't provide, they decide to leave. They don't take responsibility — and then mom is left with the children."



A photo of Angel Mashiant, 37, from Ecuador, is attached to a pole Wednesday while Jessica Juma, 36, from Ecuador, and her 6-month-old granddaughter, Sofia Paz, walk to a Mariano's in Lakeview where her husband went missing. Juma put up the missing poster. ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS



Juma, 36, from Ecuador, cries while holding her 6-month-old granddaughter, Sofia Paz, outside the Mariano's in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood.

'I don't know if I'll be able to establish myself here alone'

Nareida Santana, 37, from Cartagena, Colombia, stood outside a migrant shelter in the West Loop Tuesday and recounted how she and her partner traveled for days across six countries to reach Chicago at the end of April.

About two weeks ago, she said, he suddenly left. She doesn't know where he went. She shifted her weight back and forth as she talked.

She has a 7-year-old boy and now has to do everything alone. The tasks stack up: enrolling him in school, navigating public transit, finding work and housing.

"I'm so scared," she said. "I don't know if I'll be able to establish myself here alone." Santana said she knows there are women whose husbands have left them who are in worse situations than she is, who are pregnant or have significant health needs.

She said shelter workers are giving her guidance on how to interview for jobs, but it will be useless until she gets a valid work permit.

For now, she's tirelessly trying to find work so she can move out of the shelter.

"It's impossible to rest much in there," she said, gesturing to the brick warehouse sheltering over 700 migrants on five floors.

Veronica Sanchez, a licensed social worker, led a series of healing circles for migrants at the Parent University in Pilsen this spring through an effort organized by the mutual aid group Southwest Collective. Sanchez said migrants talked openly about the trend of men leaving their wives.

As volunteers supplied hot meals and child care in a separate room, adult asylum-seekers engaged in group therapies, with topics ranging from anxiety and depression to traditional gender roles. Sanchez said many have been so focused on getting their basic needs met they haven't had the time to think about their mental health. In some cases, she said, this leads to last-minute separations."We discussed a little bit about depression at the beginning," Sanchez said. "I told them we were going to talk very openly about any sadness they might be feeling."

At a group session in mid-May, Sanchez led a discussion about what constitutes a healthy relationship.

"I've seen couples that have been together for many years, and they arrive here and it changes everything," said a woman from Venezuela who asked that her name not be used out of privacy concerns. "I know it's hard here, but how can they not remember everything they've been through?"

'Not my American dream'

The city couldn't immediately provide the current number of single migrant women with children in its shelters, though it does track family composition in the shelter system.

City officials said case managers refer shelter residents to nonprofits for mental health support. Additionally, the city trains hundreds of shelter staff on how to provide support for women who may experience gender-based violence, including domestic violence.

"Mayor Johnson believes that all Chicagoans deserve mental and behavioral healthcare, whether they just arrived or they have been here for generations," a city spokesperson said in a statement.

Yoleida Ramirez, a 42-year-old single mother from Caracas, Venezuela, who is staying at the same shelter as Juma on the Lower West Side, said she has searched and applied for stable work in Chicago since November but hasn't found anything. She and her three little girls were placed in a



Licensed social worker Veronica Sanchez stands in Pilsen on Friday where she's been leading group therapy sessions for migrants.

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> *— A woman from Venezuela who asked that her name not be used out of privacy concerns*

shelter in December, and the staff recently told Ramirez that she needs to find her own housing by June 23. She's worried she won't be able to.

"It's so difficult," she said, through tears. "I've looked and looked, but can't find a job." After she drops her kids off at school at 7 a.m., she goes to Home Depot and prays she can find work painting or cleaning. She left her home country because she couldn't find work there either, she said. She didn't have enough money to buy her children food."I'd heard about the American dream, but this is not my dream," she said.

The disappearance

The last morning Juma saw her husband, she said they woke up early in the shelter and he teased her that she was going to be late for her work shift at Mariano's. She put on an apron and he passed her a pair of socks and $2 for the bus, she said. Mashiant panhandled outside Mariano's with their family while Juma worked inside. He told his kids to wait while he got new shoes. He put his hood up and walked past the dumpsters. He hasn't been seen since.

When Juma got back from her shift, she and her children waited. He always came back, she said. But the day passed and there was no sign of him. She filed a police report the next day.

Weeks later, the lack of closure is painful for Juma. She's still in denial that he's gone.

She's had trouble confirming that police have processed her missing person report because when she calls to check on it, the people who answer only speak English. She thinks they've given up searching for Mashiant.

A spokesman for the Chicago Police Department told the Tribune in a statement that, "The report has not been finalized at this time. We do not have access to most missing persons reports because they are done on paper." Juma said the shelter told her on June 2 that because Mashiant had disappeared, she would lose her place in the system. They've since rescinded that, she said, but Juma cries when she talks about it."They told me they were going to take his cot away," she said.

She's done everything she can to look for him. She put posters on lamps near the grocery store. She obtained video footage from a nearby business, which shows him swinging his arms and eyeing something in the distance as he walks. But she has no answers. She can't talk about him without crying. She wonders if he may have tried to drown himself in the lake. She wanders along the shore looking for signs of his floating body.

'He wasn't in his right mind'

Like many migrants who have come to the city to escape poverty and violence in Latin America, Juma and her family don't know anyone in Chicago. The transition was difficult, she said, and they've received backlash for panhandling.

"There was a man who threw food at us, and said he hoped Trump won so we would be deported to our country," she said. Juma said their family left their small agricultural community in Ecuador in late September after her 19-year-old and 15-year-old faced back-to-back acts of gang violence.

Their family received increasingly threatening calls, so they decided to leave Ecuador. They arrived in Chicago in December. On the way here, she and her husband and son were kidnapped in Mexico for five days, she said.

Before her husband went missing, Juma had unpacked her difficult past with Erika Meza, a licensed master social worker with Onward House in Belmont Cragin who leads group therapy sessions with migrants. Meza said she has an especially close relationship with Juma.

For months, Meza said, the Ecuadorian mother had expressed anxiety over not having a stable income. Shelter officials were threatening to evict them from the shelter where Juma is currently staying.

Meza said she helped the couple submit their paperwork to work legally in the United States, but Mashiant was still applying for jobs.

"He was beginning to get really sad, staying at the shelter," Meza said. Juma told her husband to go to group therapy, too, because she said it helped her to understand and cope with her depression, but he hadn't gone. Meza suspects Mashiant left in a moment of panic. "I think he wasn't in his right mind," she said. "Depression and anxiety can bring you to do things you could never imagine."

Still searching

Her husband was a quiet man who grew up in the jungle in Ecuador. He couldn't read and write.

Other women at the shelter say he must have left with another woman, but Juma says she knows that's not true because he doesn't know anybody here.

"The only thing I need is for him to appear so I can pay for a place for us to go. Those were our plans. We planned to work, to pay for a place for us to live," she said.

Like many others, Juma is now left to do everything alone. She has to work and pick up her son from school. Wednesday morning, a woman who cleans the streets outside Mariano's told Juma that she could take the bus west to the last stop where there was a lake.

Juma loaded her grandchild in a carriage up onto the CTA bus. She rode it to the last stop, dismounted and looked around.

"Is there a lake near here?" she said, confused.

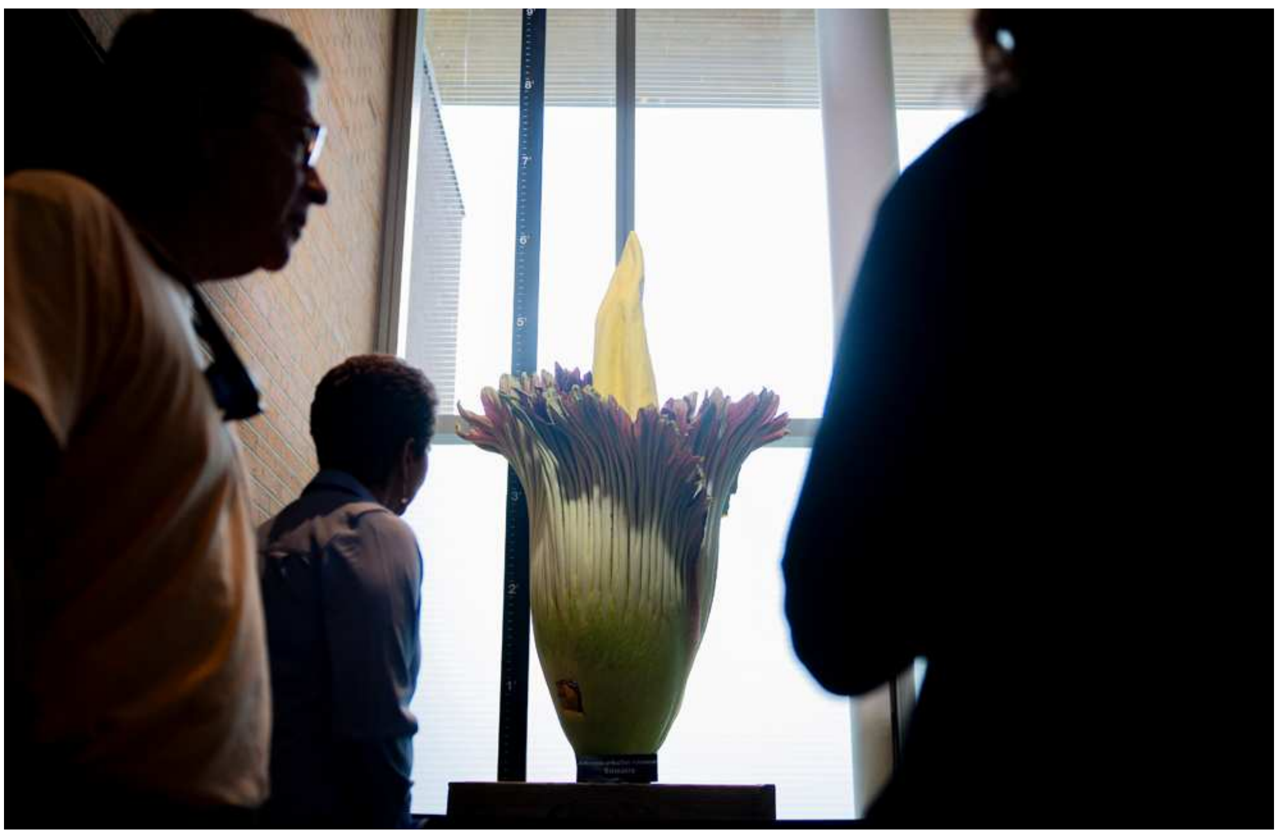
She was 5 miles from Lake Michigan. Slowly the reality set in. Her face dropped.

She waited at the bus stop to go back to the Mariano's where her husband first disappeared.




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At Chicago Botanic Garden, 2 corpse flowers come to life



A corpse flower (real name is Titan arum) is on display on Saturday at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.
VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

By Kate Armanini
Chicago Tribune

Tony Holland gawked at the sprawling flower, which jutted more than 6 feet above him. Its distinct, rancid odor cut through the air, like rotting flesh. It was Holland's dream come true.

"Just to be able to check this off my bucket list is huge," Holland, 36, said. "It's amazing. Absolutely amazing."

The rare titan arum — fittingly dubbed a corpse flower — is on display and in bloom at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe. The flowering structures, known as the largest unbranched inflorescence in the word, are exceedingly rare. It's a sight to see — and, well, smell.

The plant emits the rotten stench to attract its natural pollinators, carrion beetles and flesh flies. Amid a crowd of curious visitors, 5-year-old Sally Uttech crinkled her nose.

"It smells bad," she muttered.

The Botanic Garden has housed titan arums since 2003, and now nurtures 18 of the endangered species. They're native to rugged rainforests on Sumatra, an Indonesian island along the equator. Most of the remaining plants are cultivated inside gardens around the world.

It can take more than a decade for a titan arum to develop before its first bloom. Even then, the cycle is unpredictable. Scientists are often unsure if new growth is a leaf or a flower bud, which usually emerges every three to four years. For Plant Production Manager Tim Pollak, it adds to the excitement.

"We're certainly proud of the fact that we're able to get them into bloom in such a successful way," Pollak said, who tends to the plants year-round. "Knowing that it is the world's largest inflorescence is breathtaking," Pollak said.

The titan arum currently in bloom for the third time, named Sumatra, last flowered in 2017. A second flower, Spike, is set to bloom for the fourth time in the coming week.

When a bud emerges, the plant grows 5 to 6 inches per day for about two weeks, with the spiky spadix rising above the spathe. Finally, the growth slows, the spathe unfurls, and the plant blasts a foul-smelling odor over an hourslong period. The plant turns a maroon, meat-colored hue to attract pollinators.

In years when the flower isn't in bloom, it sprouts a massive leaf, which stretches up to 15 feet in the air.

The growth of more corpse flowers is largely a collaborative effort with other gardens around the country. The Botanic Garden freezes and ships pollen so that the titan arums can reproduce with other members of the species.

"We're acting as a pollen bank with other facilities," Pollak said. "The botanic garden world is very cooperative, in the sense that we need pollen, you need pollen, we're willing to share it."

Dozens huddled around the two titan arums on a recent morning, which sat inside wooden planters. Many visitors took photos beside them. Others dared to whiff the plant as they approached.

Holland drove three hours from the Quad Cities with his family just to catch a glimpse. He first heard about the elusive plant 15 years ago. When he heard that two at the Botanic Garden were set to bloom, he closely monitored them online.

"I told my boss, 'When I get the alert, I'm gone. I'm going to disappear for 24 hours or so,' " Holland said with a laugh. "My wife texted me yesterday that Sumatra opened, and I'm like, 'We're going first thing in the morning.' "

Travis VanZuiden, 37, and Veronica Spriggs, 38, decided to drive three hours from Iowa just to catch a glimpse of the plant. It lived up to their expectations.

"They're big, they're rare, they're unusual," VanZuiden said as he stared. "It doesn't even look real."

The couple said the smell wasn't as bad as they thought. Its sheer size seemed to distract from the odor, they said.

"He's been talking about this for years, and I was like, 'Well, okay,' " Spriggs said. "But seeing it now, I understand. It's very cool."

Cannabis dispensary with 1950s diner theme to open in Niles

By Richard Requena
Pioneer Press

Bud and Rita's, the second cannabis dispensary to open in Niles, is set to open in mid-June, according to an executive partner.

Pending its final inspection from the state, Tim O'Hern, COO of Nature's Grace and Wellness, the dispensary's management services partner, said Bud and Rita's is scheduled to open the week of June 10. A grand opening with onsite vendors and food trucks is also scheduled for late June, he said.

"Bud and Rita are actually my grandparents," O'Hern told Pioneer Press. He said the dispensary would have the look and motif of a '50s diner and is set to reflect the family-owned company's backstory. The O'Hern family founded Nature's Grace and Wellness in 2014 and cultivates and manufactures cannabis from its own farm. The company also opened a Bud and Rita's location in Chicago's Avondale neighborhood in April.

O'Hern said the dispensary, located at 5960 W. Touhy Ave, is located in the building that used to house the Italian restaurant Graziano's Brick Oven Pizza, a "long-standing staple of the Niles community" that was open for 30 years. He said he worked closely with the restaurant owners when they made the decision to close. In January, a competing dispensary, Green Rose, opened its doors at 4656 W. Touhy in Lincolnwood, nearly a mile and a half east of Bud and Rita's. When asked if he was concerned about competition, O'Hern said that Bud and Rita's is in a very dense region, with multiple traffic patterns.

O'Hern said the company did not have any firm expectations on sales for the year, in part because the legalized sale of recreational cannabis is still so new to Illinois.

According to the Niles municipal code, the village receives a 3% tax from all cannabis sales. According to budget documents, the village received $36,000 in cannabis taxes for the 2023 fiscal year and $37,000 for the 2024 fiscal year, when only one dispensary operated in Niles.

In April, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration signaled that it was considering rescheduling cannabis from a Schedule I drug, the same category as ecstacy and heroin, to a Schedule III drug, defined as drugs with "moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence," the same category as some anabolic steroids and testosterone.


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journalists alike in what a government report later termed a "police riot" — will be an important test for a department that remains under a federal consent decree over its long-running "pattern and practice" of civil rights violations.

In the lead-up to this year's convention, organizers and police officials have downplayed concerns about possible unrest and sought to dispel any comparisons to the events that culminated in the infamous "Battle of Michigan Avenue."

"This will not be 1968," Chicago police Superintendent Larry Snelling said while acknowledging he understands the comparison given national protests of the Israel-Hamas war. "Our response as a Chicago Police Department will be a lot more deliberate ... a lot more controlled because our officers are being trained in the best way possible to respond to any level of civil unrest."

It's not just the Police Department that has a lot riding on a peaceful convention.

The political stakes are high, both for Biden as he seeks to again defeat former Republican President Donald Trump and for local Democrats who will play prominent roles at the party gathering and in managing the situation outside.

That's particularly true for Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who was pivotal in bringing the convention to Chicago and will use the event to elevate his national profile as a key Biden surrogate and potential future White House contender, as well as Mayor Brandon Johnson, who has perhaps a greater affinity with those planning to protest than with the police under his command who are charged with keeping order.

"If you're Biden and the Democratic Party and the mayor of Chicago, you just want peace and calm and stability," said Andrew Baer, a University of Alabama at Birmingham history professor who studies policing and social movements. "You don't want the bad optics of either suppressing a protest or the protest embarrassing the coronation of Biden."

Despite changes in both policing practices and the political environment, "there's clearly a through line from '68, through the (Cmdr. Jon) Burge era, into the 2000s and up to the present day," said Baer, author of "Beyond the Usual Beating: The Jon Burge Police Torture Scandal and Social Movements for Police Accountability in Chicago."

Today, as then, there is a sense among many police of feeling "misunderstood and kind of unnecessarily tampered with" by outside forces, Baer said.

"That degree of always-simmering resentment felt by police rank and file, and the Fraternal Order of Police and the unions, and the supervisors and administrators of the Police Department always makes for a potentially explosive environment, whether it's at a street arrest or a public protest or national political convention," he said.

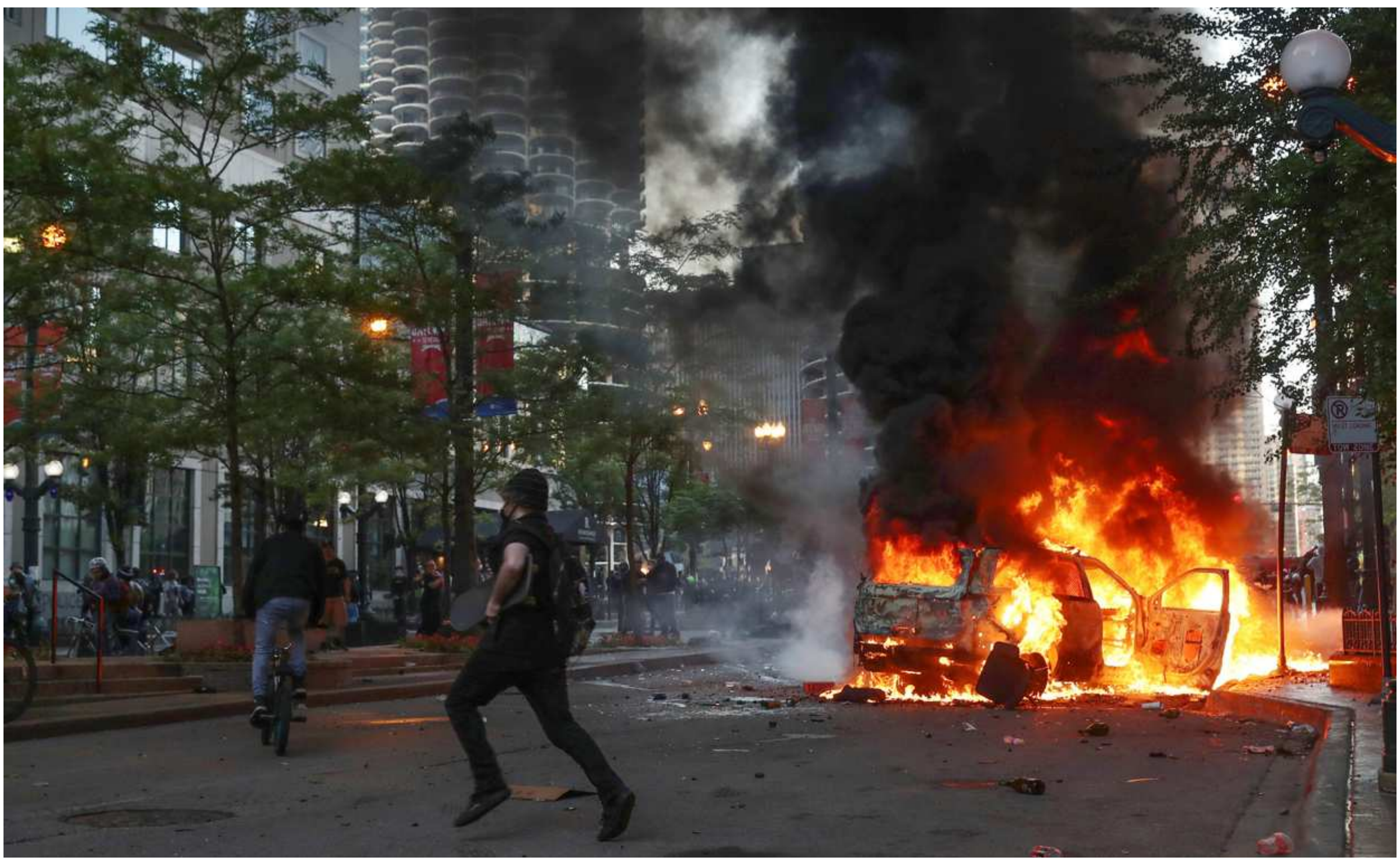
'2020 snuck up on us'

One need not look all the way back to 1968 to see what can go wrong when hordes of protesters and lines of cops meet in the streets.

Indeed, the training Snelling's officers have been undergoing ahead of the DNC was spurred not only by Chicago's selection as the host city but also by the department's response to widespread civil unrest in 2020.

Officers in Chicago were unprepared for the simultaneous and unpredictable nature of large protests and chaos that erupted over three days after George Floyd's murder at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer in late May of that year. While the department improved its response to other incidents in the weeks that followed, protests over the city's Christopher Columbus statues and also high-profile police shootings highlighted similar struggles.

"2020 snuck up on us," Snelling acknowledged in a recent Tribune interview. "Let's tell the cold, hard



A Chicago police vehicle burns on North State Street in Chicago's Loop on May 30, 2020, after a rally to remember the May 25 killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer. Timothy O'Donnell pleaded guilty to a reduced federal charge for setting fire to a Chicago police SUV in the Loop while wearing a "Joker" clown mask. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



The National Guard confronts anti-war protesters in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention in August 1968. **WALTER KALE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



U.S. Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle, joined by Chicago police Superintendent Larry Snelling, discusses security planning and preparations for the upcoming Democratic National Convention in Chicago during a news conference Tuesday at the Secret Service's Chicago field office. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

truth. We did not have the level of preparedness to deal with something that was that random that popped up on us."

The department is applying lessons learned from the 2020 response in preparation for the DNC, Snelling said.

While CPD took issue with some of the findings in a recent inspector general report on policy and training updates since the 2020 unrest, Snelling said any use of force or pepper spray during the DNC would be "proportional" to the reality on the ground.

"We're not just going to walk in and spray a crowd of people. Even if they're breaking the law, if they're peaceful, we're not going to use OC (pepper) spray," Snelling said. "Now, if we have an all-out fight, where people are attacking police officers, are attacking each other, and we need to use OC spray, that call will be made by a higher authority based on the totality of circumstances and what's occurring in the field in that time."

The situation on the ground should be much different in August for a number of reasons, not least of which is the major role the U.S. Secret Service will play in controlling the areas surrounding the major convention venues, the United Center and McCormick Place.

Like every major party convention since 2000, this summer's DNC — along with the Republican National Convention a month earlier in Milwaukee — is designated a National Special Security Event, making the Secret Service the lead agency for security planning. Each convention host city also received $75 million from Congress to help cover equipment and other security costs.

"We've got a tremendous working relationship with Chicago police, as well as a multitude of other agencies, both local and federal, that will be contributing to this whole-of-government approach that we're taking," Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle told reporters during a visit last week that included tours of the convention venues.

Outside the yet-to-be-finalized security zones around the venues, where most if not all the protests are expected to take place, Chicago police will be running the show, however. The convention will come near the end of what are typically more violent summer months as well as after large-scale events like Lollapalooza and the NASCAR street race.

In an effort to relieve some of the tension building ahead of the DNC, lawyers for the Johnson administration indicated in federal court Thursday they were preparing to offer a deal to protesters who'd sued the city over its alleged efforts to block marches within "sight and sound" of the convention venue.

While private negotiations remain ongoing, the city indicated protesters would be offered a "United Center-adjacent route."

Regardless of the outcome of those discussions, the city will have to manage the movement of an estimated 50,000 delegates, staff and public officials to and from the convention venues south of downtown and on the West Side, in addition to handling security checkpoints and traffic rerouting to accommodate Biden, who is expected to attend the convention on the final day.

CPD's task of working with other organizations and maintaining order will come with the city under a national and international spotlight it didn't have to contend with in 2020 when protests were taking place across the country, said Cara Hendrickson, the former chief of the Illinois attorney general's public interest division, where she helped negotiate the consent decree.

"The way CPD and other law enforcement agencies respond will be very visible to Chicagoans and the world," she said. "It's a very public test of law enforcement's current ability to keep people safe."

Trying to assure the public

Despite assurances of readiness from the top brass, one veteran CPD supervisor, speaking on a condition of anonymity for concern of reprisal, gave a blunt assessment of the department's readiness to tamp down on summer gun violence on top of its DNC responsibilities.

"Our strategy is eight hours ahead, right?" the supervisor told the Tribune in mid-May. "It's very short-term and there's no long-term planning to this, but if you ask them then they'll say there is, but they won't tell you what."

In 1968, of course, Mayor Richard J. Daley also sought to assure the public and his fellow Democrats the situation in Chicago would be under control, though he focused more on maintaining order than allowing room for dissenting voices.

That year's gathering at the International Amphitheatre in the New City neighborhood came amid widespread protests over the Vietnam War, a backlash so strong that President Lyndon Johnson chose not to seek reelection. It also came just months after the assassination of Democratic presidential hopeful Robert Kennedy and violent uprisings that April in Chicago and elsewhere in the wake of the Rev. Martin Luther King's assassination.

"Leading in, Daley was talking about how he was going to uphold law and order in Chicago," said Heather Hendershot, a Northwestern University communications professor and author of the recent book "When the News Broke: Chicago 1968 and the Polarizing of America."

While Daley was "Mr. Democrat," his rhetoric echoed that of GOP nominee Richard Nixon, whose campaign capitalized on the ensuing disorder in Chicago to win in November, Hendershot said.

"(Daley) sent out this message that, 'We are prepared to do whatever we have to do to maintain order in Chicago. We will keep our city safe,' this kind of thing," she said. "And people knew there was going to be a lot of violence, and it really scared a lot of people away."

The result was a crowd of only about 10,000 predominantly white protesters during the 1968 DNC, Hendershot said, a group that was outnumbered by police and members of the National Guard.

The protests this year could be substantially larger, Hendershot said, pointing to the more than 100,000 people who protested President George W. Bush and the Iraq War during the 2004 RNC in New York.

Somewhat encouraging, though, is that this year Johnson and police officials are "not releasing a bunch of press releases to scare people or to say, 'We're going to have law and order,' " she said. "They will occasionally say something like, 'We will engage in constitutional policing, which, obviously, is what all policing should be."

'Whac-A-Mole'

But what policing should be doesn't always match reality when officers are confronted with large groups of protesters in unpredictable settings.

The George Floyd protests in 2020 created a no-win for cops, protesters and nearby businesses, according to three separate reports — CPD's own after-action report, a scathing probe by the city's inspector general, and a 464-page special report covering the summer's incidents from the independent monitoring team responsible for tracking the city's progress in the court-ordered consent decree.

Cops were left vulnerable, exhausted and under-resourced, in part because the department had not prepared for that scale of unrest since 2012, when Chicago hosted the NATO summit.

Officers struggled to control disorganized crowds and distinguish between protesters protected under the First Amendment and those responsible for looting, vandalism or assaulting cops. Many cops were deployed without protective gear, radios or bullhorns to communicate dispersal orders. At times, equipment failed in the field during lengthy shifts. Some cops were left without adequate or timely transportation to transfer arrestees or move other cops to a place to rest, use restrooms, eat or drink.

One officer described the department's strategy during the George Floyd protests as Whac-A-Mole, with self-guided platoons of officers putting out metaphorical fires while still leaving others smoldering.

Accountability measures lapsed as well. Some officers were unfamiliar with the department's mass arrest policies, resulting in some arrestees suspected of looting, arson or violence being released or having charges dropped. Some officers also covered or removed their name tags or badges, turned off their body-worn cameras, were deployed without them or had the camera batteries die on them in the field.

The independent monitoring team reported hearing from community members that "officers were verbally abusive toward them; pushed and shoved them; tackled them to the ground; pushed them down stairs; pulled their hair; struck them with batons, fists, or other nearby objects; hit them after they were 'kettled' with nowhere to go or after being handcuffed; and sprayed them with pepper spray (OC spray) without reason."

Misconduct settlements stemming from the protests have been costly for taxpayers.

On top of tens of millions spent on overtime and damage to local businesses, a WTTW analysis found the city had paid $5.6 for settlements and attorney fees. As of April, 32 lawsuits related to officer misconduct had been paid out. Thirteen were pending in federal court.

Following 2020, CPD has been "training, working, preparing, revising orders," and working with parties involved in the consent decree to update mass arrest and use of force policies, Snelling said. The department is also working to ensure officers "get as much time off as possible" in the weeks leading up to the DNC to ensure "we have the maximum manpower that we can have out there" while not pulling officers from the city's most violent neighborhood beats.

Command staff members have been through "multiple days of training for field force operations" to know

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how to guide manpower. The department has set aside 1,370 "flex" body cameras across several area offices, purchased 40 passenger vans, and additional radios to distribute to each police district.

Lessons of 2020

Even so, the city's inspector general recently highlighted shortcomings in those plans, including opaque written policies about the use of pepper spray and kettling, which is the act of corralling crowds into a closed space. The city's crowd-control policies also contain "outdated" theories that assume bad actors are present and that people in mass gatherings are inclined to act like a mob, the IG said.

Snelling denied the department used kettling tactics but nonetheless said the lessons of 2020 are being applied to this summer's preparations.

DNC training has already been tested at protests, including at several college campuses across the city, Snelling said, noting that most "ended with no violence."

"Even in situations where we've had to make arrests, we gave these people multiple, multiple opportunities to voluntarily comply and leave," Snelling said. "Only as a last resort we made arrests."

CPD on Thursday invited members of the press to McCormick Place to observe about 150 officers take part in training exercises tailored for the expected protests and potential unrest during the DNC. Drills focused on defensive tactics, crowd control and medical aid, as well as officer wellness.

Snelling said the department also will use a "line relief" tactic to provide cops reprieves when needed.

"These are human beings who are standing out here, having insults hurled at them, probably things thrown at them," Snelling said Thursday. "At some point, the human nature kicks in and the possibility or the likelihood of making a mistake becomes greater. This is why now we have that line relief where we can take those officers off the front line and bring in a fresh batch of officers who can deal with the situation."

Given the possibility of mass arrests, officers also are receiving training on properly processing suspects taken into custody in potentially volatile situations.

Will there be mass arrests?

But some planning to protest the convention are taking issue with comments Snelling made at a separate media briefing earlier last week.

"First Amendment protection is only there if you're not committing a crime," Snelling said. "You can be acting out peacefully and still breaking the law."

Hatem Abudayyeh, executive director of the U.S. Palestinian Community Network, said after a court hearing Thursday that Snelling's words were "very concerning."

"This sounds like nothing more than a threat from a police department that has a history of violence against protesters," said Abudayyeh, whose group is one of the organizations suing the city over its previous plans to keep protesters away from the main convention sites.

Civil liberties advocates also have taken issue with the department's latest policy on mass arrests. In April, a coalition of the community groups that triggered the consent decree asked the judge overseeing the agreement to block the Police Department from implementing the mass arrest policy drafted earlier this year.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois and other groups argue the new proposal is overly broad, fails to make proper accommodations for people with disabilities and non-English speakers, and marks a step back from a First Amendment policy negotiated after the "violent and unconstitutional response" to the 2020 protests, according to the filing.



The Chicago Police Department offers a first look into how officers train at McCormick Place on Thursday in preparation for the Democratic National Convention in August. Those at the training session were among 2,500 officers who will be on the front lines during the convention. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



Incensed over criticism of his police, Mayor Richard J. Daley shouts at the lectern at the Democratic Convention on Aug. 28, 1968. Tumult inside the Amphitheatre and violence in Grant Park put the city off limits for political parties for nearly 30 years. VAL MAZZANGA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The groups are asking Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer to intervene swiftly because "CPD officers are already being trained on the infirm policy for the DNC."

Meanwhile, Hendrickson, now the executive director of the public interest group Impact for Equity, notes that police leaders will have the complex task of not only coordinating with other city departments but other law enforcement entities.

CPD "is going to be called upon to make difficult judgment calls rapidly, in real time, over the course of many days or weeks. And understanding who has responsibility for making those decisions, who is the backup to the person who has the responsibility to make those decisions if they're not available. … I don't know the answers to those questions at this point," Hendrickson said.

Snelling said plans are still being worked out for the role outside agencies — the National Guard, the Cook County sheriff's office, Illinois State Police or other local police departments — would play, but said they would not be charged with managing crowds.

"We want to put them in other areas where they can protect certain venues," he said. "That frees up Chicago police officers who have been very well trained to go out there and deal with the possibility of civil unrest."

'We're ready'

If the past is precedent, Johnson — an organizer who has said he values demonstrations — would be directly in charge of making major decisions on how to respond to potential unrest.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot made the final call to raise downtown bridges, use pepper spray, enact a citywide curfew, and call in the National Guard during the 2020 protests. Johnson has repeatedly said violence or vandalism would not be tolerated, but has emphasized "the fundamental right of our democracy, the First Amendment, is protected."

Snelling said he is in "constant contact" about preparations with Johnson and his deputy mayor for community safety, Garien Gatewood. Raising bridges and enacting curfews in 2020 were a response to riot activity, not protected First Amendment protests, he said.

"We will not allow people to come here and destroy our city," Snelling said. "We're ready. We're prepared to deal with whatever comes our way. But we would love for everything to end peacefully. Do we expect that that's going to happen? No. That's our wish."

On the political side, Democrats have been quick to voice their support for Chicago police and the larger security effort — and to shift the focus to the GOP convention in Milwaukee, which could attract some of the same right-wing groups that instigated the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. The Democratic National Convention Committee declined to make convention chair Minyon Moore available for an interview. But in a statement, convention spokeswoman Emily Soong echoed what organizers have been saying for months in response to questions about protests and possible disruptions:

"Peaceful protest has been a fixture of political conventions for decades, and while Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans stoke political violence, we will continue to support the ongoing security coordination at all levels of government to keep the city safe for delegates, visitors, media, and all Chicagoans, including those exercising their right to make their voices heard."

For Pritzker, who courted the convention before the deadly Oct. 7 Hamas attack on Israel sparked a war that has divided Democrats, the gathering is a chance to show his mettle on the national stage, said Chris Mooney, an emeritus professor of political science at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

That will be particularly true in the face of possible mass protests, he said.

"Even though he … didn't expect this, didn't think of it when he was lobbying for this (convention), he has earned himself the opportunity to show how excellent he is as a public leader," Mooney said.

Chicago Tribune's Jake Sheridan contributed.

Greenhouse to be built in memory of Waukegan teacher

By Steve Sadin
News-Sun

The late Kaitlin Schaumberger's career as a second-grade teacher at Waukegan's Oakdale Elementary School was brief, but her inspiration will both educate the school's students and feed the community into the future.

Oakdale Principal Catalina Quinones-Nelson said a planned building — Kaitlin's Greenhouse — will be more than a place where plants grow, and students will learn lessons beyond how to grow and care for greenery.

"I have a vision of this as a place where the students will learn science and business," Quinones-Nelson said. "They'll learn how to grow food and to sell what they grow. We can start a farmers market with what we grow here."

The Oakdale community, as well as some of Schaumberger's friends and family, cut a ribbon and broke ground on construction of Kaitlin's Greenhouse Thursday in Waukegan with a goal of completing the first phase of construction this fall.

Starting her career in Waukegan Community Unit School District 60 in August of 2022 teaching Oakdale's second graders, Schaumberger died on March 10 of last year at the age of 25 from complications of COVID-19 and pneumonia. Her father, Michael, said Thursday would have been her 27th birthday.

"I have mixed emotions," he said. "I knew this would be very emotional. I am touched by what will be Kaitlin's Greenhouse, and how the school district is helping to make it a reality."

Quinones-Nelson said primarily produce will be grown in the greenhouse, though there will be some flowers around it. She envisions it becoming a place not only for students, but also for the community to become involved.

"People have already said they want to come and volunteer," she said. "This is a gift of life and learning. It's not like a plaque. It is a gift that will keep on giving. It will enhance the community for years."

Of the things which were important to his daughter, Schaumberger said encouraging her students to develop a healthy lifestyle was one of them. He is pleased the creation of a greenhouse to grow vegetables to feed the community will be part of her legacy.

"She wanted her students to eat healthier," he said. "The greenhouse will help them learn how to do that for themselves and for others. This is a way she will live on and continue to spread kindness."

Remembering the impact Schaumberger had on Oakdale and its community, Quinones-Nelson said kindness was one of her hallmarks, as was her desire to continue to give to her students and others. The greenhouse will continue her work.

"Kaitlin (would) find a way to continue to give and give to our Waukegan community, and our Oakdale community," Quinones-Nelson said at a Board of Education meeting shortly after her death. "Keep people like this in mind. They don't come by every day."

One of those volunteers will be Katy Casky, Kaitlin Schaumberger's aunt. She is a retired math teacher from Glenbrook South High School. She said she plans to tutor Oakdale students in the fall. "This is the first place I thought of volunteering," Casky said. "I want to do it in Kaitlin's memory at a place she loved so much."

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> *— Catalina Quinones-Nelson, Oakdale Elementary School principal*

Funding for the greenhouse is a private venture organized by the Schaumberger family. Michael Schaumberger said more than $80,000 of the $120,000 goal has been raised so far.

When the full goal is reached, Kaitlin's Greenhouse will be easy to expand. Schaumberger said in the first phase, there will be electricity and running water. Donations can be made through a GoFundMe page he started or the Waukegan Schools Foundation.

"We're building the greenhouse here," he said, pointing to the area where construction will start. "We'll add more next to it when we reach our goal. Kaitlin's kindness will continue to ripple."

Plans for new Naperville park move forward

By Tess Kenny
Naperville Sun

After years of sitting on the back burner, long-standing plans to build a new park along Naperville's riverwalk are being revitalized.

Just as soon as ongoing construction allows for it.

Tuesday morning, design plans for a small park at 430 S. Washington St. in the heart of downtown Naperville, drafted almost a decade ago, were presented to the Naperville Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee for review.

The refresher was spurred by a desire by city staff to finally put the project out to bid later this year, according to Bill Novack, director of Naperville's transportation, engineering and development department.

Asked why now, he said the timing is finally right.

The project dates back to the early 2010s. Motivation for the venture, Novack said, was rooted in a desire to make the space along the Naperville Riverwalk more pleasing to passersby — particularly a small sliver of land tucked between Washington Street Bridge and the city's decades-old Burger King restaurant.

For years that 0.4-acre parcel had been privately owned by a family who maintained a property on the site, Novack said. But over time, it fell into disrepair, was sold to a developer and then ended up being purchased by North Central College in 2012 when the developer defaulted, he said.

Wanting more of a presence along the Naperville Riverwalk, officials from the college — which is just a stone's throw away from the space — met with the city and the Naperville Park District, both of which play a part in managing the riverwalk, about the possibility of building a park on the land. The site could act as both a window to its campus and as a revamped open area for community use.

Both agencies agreed.

Plans for the park were developed and by late 2014 a $1.1 million grant was secured through then-Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn to fund the project, according to Novack.

However, shortly before the city planned to hire a contractor, the state froze the funding. It took four years for the money to become available again and by then plans to replace Washington Street Bridge were starting to take shape.

Instead of pursuing both projects at the same time, the city opted to again put the park project on hold and wait for bridge construction to tie up. That way, by the time the park was ready for visitors, it could be enjoyed without interruptions from nearby roadwork, Novack said.

With the Washington Street Bridge replacement expected to finish this year, park plans are moving forward, he said.

Novack's hope, he said, is that staff can put the project out to bid before year's end. With that goal in mind, the first step is to finalize plans so they'll be bid-ready when the opportunity becomes available, he said.

Committee members generally like the plans, Novack said, but suggested a few minor tweaks. A revised plan will be returned to them in a few months at which time they'll vote on their recommendation and it will proceed to the city and park district for approval.

City staff also will involve North Central College officials in coming months to ensure its vision aligns with the updated plans, Novack said.

If all goes well, it's anticipated the Washington Street park could come to fruition by the end of 2025, he said.

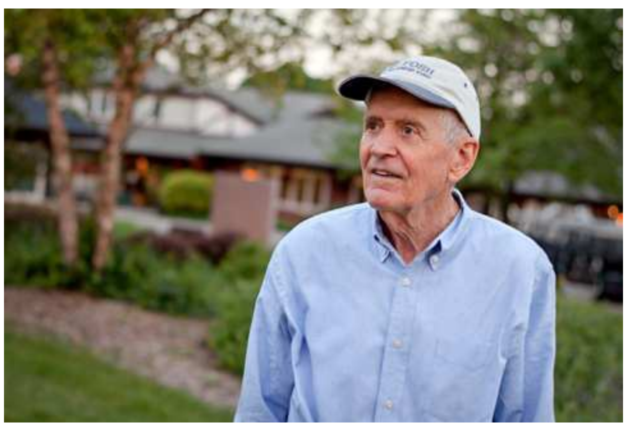
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OBITUARIES

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Ambassador for golf as the longtime pro at Village Links

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune



Ed Posh was the head golf pro at the Village Links golf course in Glen Ellyn for 28 years. LORI SORRELLS

Edward Posh was an ambassador for golf as the resident pro at Glen Ellyn's municipal-owned Village Links for almost 30 years.

When Posh retired in 1995, a scholarship fund was created in his name that today has provided more than $1.1 million to 114 high school seniors for college or career training.

"The thing that was remarkable about Ed is that he was totally focused on people — people were more important to him than anything, and made everybody feel special," said retired Village Links General Manager Matt Pekarek. "Technically, he was a golf pro, but really he was an ambassador."

Posh, 94, died of natural causes on May 2 at his daughter's home in West Chicago, said his daughter Melissa. He had lived in Glen Ellyn for 50 years.

Born and raised in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Posh developed a love of golf from his older brother, Jim, and at 13 became a caddy at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem. He later moved to New Jersey to work as the caddy master at a country club in Haddonfield.

In 1951, Posh joined the Army, building emergency runways for military aircraft in France and Germany, his family said.

After his discharge, he became a caddy master at Brookside Country Club near Bethlehem, and then began working in the winters in Miami, where he met a golf pro named Bill Davis.

Posh followed Davis to a country club in Fort Wayne, Indiana, taking a job as an assistant golf pro. He later worked at St. Charles Country Club and Glen Oak Country Club in Glen Ellyn before being hired as the first pro at the village of Glen Ellyn's new 18-hole course, Village Links, which opened in 1967.

Under Posh's leadership, the Village Links developed an extensive program of golf lessons for people of all ages and also hosted tournaments. For Posh, that sometimes entailed working seven days a week during golfing season. He developed the course's programs for junior players, teaching many young people the fundamentals of golf.

Posh mentored numerous future golf professionals and course managers as well, colleagues said.

"He was a consummate golf pro, even though he was at a public course," said retired DuPage County Judge Patrick Leston, a former Glen Ellyn resident who serves on the scholarship fund's board. "He treated everyone as if you were at a private club — he knew everyone's name and was gracious and was always willing to help."

Posh retired from the Village Links in 1995, but he stayed active as a retired volunteer for the next quarter-century.

"Early on in his retirement, Ed would take a 7-iron and walk around the golf course and poke the weeds and look for golf balls here or there, and he'd get 10 or 15 balls here or there, and if they were decent, he'd see somebody he knew and leave the balls sitting on the next tee for them," Pekarek said. "Eventually, people would start to catch on that Ed's out there walking around. It's a nothing thing, but it was a huge thing — everything was his way of trying to put a smile on people's faces and connect with them."

Posh also stayed involved with the scholarship fund that bears his name. When Posh retired, Leston said, friends and colleagues had wanted to celebrate Posh with a dinner, but he demurred. So then some friends and colleagues proposed a scholarship fund and an annual outing, and Posh agreed to it.

Friends and colleagues helped seed the fund, and each year, the fund has held various golf-oriented fundraising events, including shootouts and a 25th anniversary gala celebration.

"He was the spirit of the golf (course) over there," said Hubert Buehler of Glen Ellyn, who was president of the fund for 10 years. "People came to play because of him — it was a real community golf course. And he was always concerned about making it affordable for people."

Pekarek noted that the scholarship fund was a key part of Posh's volunteer work.

"He'd work two, three, four months during the summer, 30 to 40 hours a week, all on a volunteer basis, organizing the (scholarship) tournament," Pekarek said.

The fund typically awards scholarships to four high school seniors a year.

A marriage ended in divorce. In addition to his daughter, Posh is survived by five other daughters, Molly Molokie, Margaret, Mindy and Monica, and Meredith Horvath; three sons, Max, Matthew and Mitchell; two stepdaughters, Michelle Pond and Marea Pond; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Jane Pfeiffer.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.



Earth is seen behind the surface of the moon in a photograph taken by astronaut William Anders during the Apollo 8 mission. Anders died Friday. WILLIAM ANDERS/NASA 1968

WILLIAM ANDERS 1933-2024

Apollo 8 astronaut took iconic 'Earthrise' photograph in '68

By Gene Johnson and Audrey McAvoy
Associated Press

SEATTLE — William Anders, the former Apollo 8 astronaut who took the iconic "Earthrise" photo showing the planet as a shadowed blue marble from space in 1968, was killed Friday when the plane he was piloting alone plummeted into the waters off the San Juan Islands in Washington state. He was 90.

His son, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Greg Anders, confirmed his death. "The family is devastated," he said. "He was a great pilot and we will miss him terribly."

William Anders, a retired major general, has said the photo was his most significant contribution to the space program along with making sure the Apollo 8 command module and service module worked.

The photograph, the first color image of Earth from space, is one of the most important photos in modern history for the way it changed how humans viewed the planet. The photo is credited with sparking the global environmental movement for showing how delicate and isolated Earth appeared from space.



Anders

NASA Administrator and former Sen. Bill Nelson said Anders embodied the lessons and the purpose of exploration.

"He traveled to the threshold of the Moon and helped all of us see something else: ourselves," Nelson wrote on the social platform X.

Anders snapped the photo during the crew's fourth orbit of the moon, frantically switching from black-and-white to color film.

"Oh my God, look at that picture over there!" Anders said. "There's the Earth coming up. Wow, is that pretty!"

The Apollo 8 mission in December 1968 was the first human spaceflight to leave low-Earth orbit and travel to the moon and back. It was NASA's boldest and perhaps most dangerous voyage yet and one that set the stage for the Apollo moon landing seven months later.

"Bill Anders forever changed our perspective of our planet and ourselves with his famous Earthrise photo on Apollo 8," Arizona Sen. Mark Kelly, who is also a retired NASA astronaut, wrote on X. "He inspired me and generations of astronauts and explorers. My thoughts are with his family and friends."

Anders served as backup crew for Apollo 11 and for Gemini XI in 1966, but the Apollo 8 mission was the only time he flew to space.

Anders was born Oct. 17, 1933, in Hong Kong. At the time, his father was a Navy lieutenant aboard the USS Panay, a U.S. gunboat in China's Yangtze River.

Anders and his wife, Valerie, founded the Heritage Flight Museum in Washington state in 1996. It is now based at a regional airport in Burlington, and features 15 aircrafts, several antique military vehicles, a library and many artifacts donated by veterans, according to the museum's website. Two of his sons helped him run it.

They had six children and 13 grandchildren.

Anders graduated from the Naval Academy in 1955 and served as a fighter pilot in the Air Force. He later served on the Atomic Energy Commission and as ambassador to Norway.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JUNE 9 ...

In A.D. 68, Roman Emperor Nero committed suicide.

In 1672 Russian Czar Peter I, who later became known as Peter the Great, was born in Moscow.

In 1870 author Charles Dickens died in Gad's Hill, England; he was 58.

In 1903 the White Sox were incorporated under Illinois law with $5,000 in capital.

In 1915 Lester Polfus, who became known as guitarist Les Paul, was born in Waukesha, Wis.

In 1930 Jake Lingle, a Chicago Tribune police reporter who had been a middleman for those seeking favors from Al Capone and the city's police commissioner, was killed at the Illinois Central train station at Randolph Street.

In 1954 Army counsel Joseph Welch confronted Sen. Joseph McCarthy during the Senate-Army Hearings over McCarthy's attack on a member of Welch's law firm, Frederick Fisher. Said Welch: "Have you no sense of decency, sir?"

In 1969 the Senate confirmed Warren Burger to succeed Earl Warren as chief justice of the United States.

In 1973 Secretariat won the Belmont Stakes by 31 lengths to become horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years.

In 1978 leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints struck down a 148-year-old policy of excluding African-American men from the Mormon priesthood.

In 1980 comedian Richard Pryor suffered nearly fatal burns at his Southern California home when a mixture of "free-base" cocaine exploded.

In 1985 American educator Thomas Sutherland was abducted in Lebanon. (He was released in November 1991 with a second hostage, Terry Waite, a Church of England emissary who had been seized when he was sent to negotiate Sutherland's release.).

In 1986 the Rogers Commission released its report on the Challenger disaster, criticizing NASA and rocket builder Morton Thiokol for management problems leading to the explosion that claimed the lives of seven astronauts.

In 1993, in a Shinto ceremony in Tokyo that was watched by millions on television, Japanese Crown Prince Naruhito married commoner Masako Owada.

In 1999, after 78 days of intense NATO airstrikes, Yogoslav and Western generals signed a pact clearing the way for a Kosovo peace plan. Also in 1999 President Bill Clinton instructed federal law agencies to collect race and gender data on people they stop or arrest, in a move to end racial profiling by police.

In 2001 China and the United States announced an agreement on farm subsidies and other remaining issues blocking Beijing's bid to join the World Trade Organization. Also in 2001 the Colorado Avalanche won the Stanley Cup by defeating the defending champion New Jersey Devils 3-1 in Game 7.

In 2004 the Federal Communications Commission agreed to a record $1.75 million settlement with Clear Channel to resolve indecency complaints against Howard Stern and other radio personalities. Also in 2004 Ray Bourque, Paul Coffey and Larry Murphy were elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in their first year of eligibility.

In 2010 the Chicago Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup in a 4-3 overtime win over the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 6, the first championship win for the franchise since 1961.

In 2013 former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden, 29, revealed that he leaked information about a classified U.S. telephone and Internet surveillance program called PRISM to newspapers.

In 2014 President Barack Obama signed an executive order aimed at easing student loan payments. (The 10 percent cap begins in December 2015.) Also in 2014 a Veteran Affairs audit found that more than 57,000 veterans waited more than 90 days for an appointment to see a doctor.

In 2016 Illinois' worst-in-the-nation credit rating sunk even lower as a pair of Wall Street agencies issued another downgrade, citing the record-breaking budget impasse that one analyst said has left the state "increasingly vulnerable."

Death Notices

Armstrong, Mary Elizabeth



age 91 passed away peacefully on Monday, May 27th, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Mary earned her Master of Education from National Teacher College, currently named National Louis University. She spent 32 years at Chicago Public Schools, educating children in Early Childhood. May Her Legacy Live on forever in our hearts and her memory always be cherished. More info. 773-255-5912.

Asad, Douglas S.



Douglas S. Asad, age 85, of Lake Forest, IL. Beloved husband of Kathleen Asad nee Burke. Loving father of Heather Asad (Michael) McPhilliamy, Heidi June Asad, and Douglas James (Elizabeth) Asad. Proud grandfather of Griffin James, Mason Layne, Quinlan Hayes, and Teaghan Davis McPhilliamy; Amalia June Asad; Emerson Kate, Charles Douglas, and William Bode Asad. Dear brother of the late Thomas Asad. Doug was born in Cleveland, OH to loving parents Samuel and Mildred Asad nee Etchison. He completed grade school and went to Fairview High School in Fairview Park, OH where he was inducted into the Fairview High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He attended Northwestern University where he played football for the Wildcats and earned a BA. After graduation, he was drafted by the Oakland Raiders where he was the nascent Tight End and leading Receiver in 1960 and 1961. After football, Doug became a Financial Advisor for the Illinois Company and Wells Fargo Advisors for over 50 years. Funeral Service Thursday, June 13, 2024, 2:00 p.m. at Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment private Long Grove Community Church Cemetery, Long Grove, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Info: **donnellanfuneral.com** or 847-675-1990

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Bentivenga, Amber S.

Amber S. Bentivenga (nee Trotsky), age 42; beloved wife of Mario; loving mother of Leonardo; cherished daughter of Donna (Dennis) Stachovic and Jack Trotsky; dear sister of the late Brian Strong; dearest aunt of Trinity, Alyssa, Chanel, Julianna, Aiden, Kayla, Joey, Sophia, Frank and Rose; fond sister-in-law of Filippo, Paolo and the late Luigi and Gina; kind friend and cousin to many. Visitation Thursday 3-8 P.M. Funeral Friday 8:30 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462 to St. Christina Catholic Parish Mass 9:30 A.M. 3342 W. 111th St. Chicago, IL 60655. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Funeral info: 708-429-3200.

Lawn Funeral Home

Brabec, Barbara J.

Barbara J. Brabec, nee Simec, of Westchester, age 94. Beloved wife of the late Richard J. Brabec; loving mother of Cheryl Brabec, Donna (Gregg) Lundeen and Richard A. (Dawn) Brabec; proud grandmother of Kelly (Justin) Dahlem, Haley (Andrew) Reinhardt, Jessica Lundeen, Jeremy (Marlena) Brabec, Rebecca (Steven) Kemnetz and Jonathon Brabec; great-grandmother of Sophie, Emme and Cameron Dahlem; Adrian Nankov, Anabella Brabec; Owen and Cole Kemnetz. A Memorial Visitation will be held on Friday, June 14, 2024 at Divine Providence Church, 2550 Mayfair, Westchester from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. Private Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) or Habitat for Humanity (www.habitatchicago.org). Arrangements entrusted to **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**. For funeral info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

Braude, Dr. Stan

Dr. Stan Braude, PhD, of Clayton, MO, passed away June 1 after a brief illness. Stan was the devoted son of Greta Heiman and the late Jerold S. Braude, stepson of the late Jack Heiman, beloved husband of Dr. Nancy Berg, a loving father, brother, son-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle and friend.
World-renowned as the foremost expert on naked mole-rat ecology, evolution and behavior, Stan was an exceptionally popular teaching professor of biology at Washington University in St. Louis.
Stan loved camping, carpentry, and furniture making. He was a certified EMT, wilderness medicine educator, and certified arborist. As the first Curator of Washington University's arboretum, he delighted in exploring (sometimes culinarily useful) local flora and fauna. The Arboretum was awarded the Morton Arboretum Level II certification during Stan's tenure.
Stan received multiple national awards for teaching, including the 2004 College Biology Teacher of the Year award from the National Association of Biology Teachers and the 2011 Distinguished Teacher Award from the Animal Behavior Society. Locally, Braude was honored with the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award in 2022 and the Arts & Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award in 2019. Stan adored his wife, children, sister, extended family, each of his many dogs and even the cat.
Services were held in St. Louis. Memorial contributions to The Ark (arkchicago.org), the Illinois Holocaust Museum (ilholocaustmuseum.org), or a charity of your choice.

Bubulka, John A.

John A. Bubulka, proud U.S. Air Force Veteran, of Bolingbrook, IL, passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on June 5, 2024. Visitation Tues. June 11th, 3:30PM-8:00PM at Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home, 4343 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Funeral Mass Wed., June 12th at 10:00AM at St. Mary of Gostyn Church, 445 Prairie Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Arrangements entrusted to **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, (630)968-1000. For full obituary visit www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com.

Adams Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home and cremation services

Cronin, Rev. Edward Joseph

born on an eternal number day, November 8, in the year of the BVM anniversary of the Immaculate Conception 1954 was dedicated from birth to be a priest of Jesus Christ. In lieu of flowers memorials to the family for donations to the poor per Fr. Eddie. For full obituary information and online tributes www.parksidechapels.com Arrangements by Parkside Chapels & Cremation Services. Info 773-767-9788.

Parkside Chapels & Cremation Services
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Deneen, Thalia S.



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Thalia S. Deneen on May 27, 2024. Thalia passed away peacefully in her sleep at the age of 93. Thalia was the beloved wife of the late Dr. James Robert Deneen; the loving mother of Dr. Christopher C. (Valerie) Deneen; sister of Diane (the late Byron) Karzas and the late Charles Pericles Stathas; and aunt of Mary Kay (Warren Reiss) Karzas.
Thalia grew up in Lake Forest, Illinois and was the daughter of the late Pericles Peter Stathas and Mary Pegis Stathas. She graduated from Smith College and later earned her PhD in English Literature from Stanford University. Her thesis on Susanna Centlivre's A Bold Stroke for a Wife established Thalia as a well-regarded authority on the 18th century English poet and playwright.
Following her doctoral studies, Thalia's first position was in the English department at Indiana University, where she met her late husband, Dr. James Robert Deneen. They were married in 1969. After relocating to Princeton, New Jersey, they had one child, Christopher. A lifelong learner, Thalia had a deep interest in both music and art. Before pursuing her PhD, Thalia worked with The Lyric Opera in Chicago. After relocating to Princeton, Thalia conducted research on both contemporary and Renaissance art. She delivered several lectures on these subjects at Princeton University, with particular focus on old master drawings of the Renaissance period and the paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe. A talented pianist, Thalia played regularly for company, and was especially well-known for her performance of Chopin's nocturnes.
A private interment will be held at Lake Forest Cemetery in Lake Forest, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Thalia's name may be made to Smith College at https://www.smith.edu/giving or Stanford University at https://giving.stanford.edu/. For information, please contact Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors at 847-234-9649 or visit www.RTfunerals.com

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Robert Henry 'Bob' Drucker

An extraordinary member of The Greatest Generation, Robert 'Bob' Drucker died at the age of 97 at his Wilmette home in the early morning of December 6, 2022. His wife and best friend, Rosie, was at his bedside. In the days prior to his passing, his children and many of his grandchildren were able to be with him and share private moments. Bob was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to four generations. His love and devotion to family was always evident as he attended fine arts performances, sporting events and graduations. He was a life-long learner and passionate about education, human rights, social issues, the environment, horticulture, travel and more.

Born in Chicago on March 24, 1925, to Henry Drucker and Mary (Larzelere) Drucker, Bob grew up in Wilmette and graduated New Trier High School in the Class of 1942. Within weeks of graduating, he began his studies at Harvard College where he took extra courses, attending classes without interruption for two years, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in June 1944. A participant in the college NROTC program, Bob reported for submarine duty in New London, Connecticut, a week after graduating. Because the US Navy needed seamen for the war in the Pacific, he was assigned to LST-636 (Landing Ship Tank) which was built in Seneca, Illinois. In late June 1944 he boarded the LST and navigated the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers into the Gulf of Mexico and, after practicing beach landings near Pensacola, Florida, and passing through the Panama Canal, he sailed straight to Espiritu Santo in the New Hebrides (Vanuatu), and began his service in the Pacific Theater of World War II. In the Philippines, he participated in landings at Luzon, Lingayen Gulf, and Mindanao. At the war's end, Bob's ship was involved in transporting Chinese troops to northern China and repatriating Japanese troops.

Bob returned to the US in July 1946 and married Suzanne Weese, with whom he would have five children, and commenced studies at Harvard Business School and Harvard Law School. After finishing business school, Bob, Suzanne and two daughters returned to Chicago where he went to work for Booz Allen, a management consulting firm. He quickly realized the acute post-war housing shortage might fuel demand for affordable housing so, in 1951, he and two business partners started the Evanston Coach Company, which manufactured and sold mobile homes designed by his brother-in-law and renowned architect, Harry Weese. To support the sales and service of the mobile homes, Bob trained and acquired a Pilot's License so he could fly to visit dealerships efficiently in more than a dozen states in the Midwest. Searching for other business opportunities, Bob and his partners purchased a small company that manufactured parts for the railroad industry which they eventually built into Midland Manufacturing Corporation, a leading supplier of safety valves for railroad tank cars. He and his partners retired from Midland after they sold the company to Dover Corporation in 1994. During the years at Midland, with Bob's entrepreneurial drive, he involved his partners in real estate development, renovation and constructing multi-family apartment buildings.

Possessed with boundless energy and curiosity and due to his love of the outdoors cultivated by experiences as a teenager canoeing Voyageur routes in Canada, Bob purchased a large farm near Galena, Illinois. He wanted his family to be exposed to more than their suburban experience. Many weekends were spent baling hay, cutting invasive thorny locust trees, working with livestock, and renovating a pre-Civil War home. His children, who dug many holes, carted hoses, and planted hundreds of trees, sometimes suspected he bought the farm to have the space to plant more trees. Bob knew the value and impact this rural legacy would have on his children and those to follow.

After his divorce in 1993, Bob married Roseann 'Rosie' Schmidt Larson, by then a 25-year Midland associate, and the two of them enjoyed 30 years of marriage filled with family gatherings, and the creation of a beautiful English Garden inspired by their mutual love of the Cotswold District In England, where Bob and Rosie spent many happy holidays. A man who loved spending time with family, Bob was a deeply beloved grandfather of 15, step-grandfather of six, and great-grandfather of 26. Preceded in death by his parents (he endured the loss of his father in an auto crash at age six), and siblings William Drucker and Jane (Drucker) White. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Rosie Drucker, children Ann (Rick) Gleason, Susie (Jay) Brown, Bill (Denise) Drucker, Sally Drucker, Harry (Beth) Drucker, and step-children Karen (Mark) Tompkins and Jeff (Cindy) Larson, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his sister Margaret 'Migit' Drucker, and his first wife, Suzanne Weese Drucker Frank, who passed away on November 19, 2023, at the age of 100.

A man of extraordinary zest for life, he and Rosie filled their lives with travel, friends old and new, farming, and horticulture. Their garden was a constant source of pleasure and enrichment. He especially enjoyed birdwatching and fed his backyard companions enthusiastically. He also had a passionate interest in social and educational equality. Bob was unparalleled in his ability to make deep personal connections with everyone he met, leaving a lasting impression with those fortunate to know him. He was thoughtful and supportive of personal endeavors and a mentor to many. He was deeply loved and is greatly missed.

During his life, he avidly supported Harvard University, the A.C.L.U., Doctors Without Borders, The Innocence Project, the Environmental Law and Policy Center, Fisher House Foundation, The Greater Chicago Food Depository, The Nature Conservancy as well as many political candidates and causes.

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Joe Zapora

Another sad and lonely year without you. I miss you everyday. Sending all my love, Cecylia

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Felicelli, Julie Patricia



Julie P. Felicelli of Clarkston, passed away June 6, 2024 at 75 years of age. Dear daughter of the late Harry E. Fairfield, the late Marian (née DiFiore) Cornyn; step daughter of the late John E. Cornyn; loving wife of Joseph for 54 years; beloved mother of Jennifer Felicelli, Joseph (Sarah) Felicelli, Emily Felicelli, Mark (Tina) Felicelli, Ann Felicelli, Julie Salako, and Daniel Felicelli; grandmother of Killian Longo, Ameen Salako, Tai Gerkin, Nathan Boyd, Farouk Salako, Maya Felicelli, Gianni Felicelli, Ian Felicelli, Joseph G. Felicelli, Donovan Felicelli, and Salvatore Giametta; sister of Harry (Lori) Fairfield, Mary Ann (Skip) Kasjens, Donna (Dave) Fairfield-Green, and Mark (Maria) Fairfield; step sister of Virginia Cornyn, Kathleen Arnold, John E. (Joyce) Cornyn, Madeleine (Miles) Shanley, and Carolyn (James) Clemons. Julie never met a stranger, making lifelong friends in Illinois, Indiana, California, Missouri, Alabama, and Michigan. Everywhere they lived she would immerse herself in the parish, the schools, and the community. Blessed with tremendous creative talents, with the skills to match, no project was beyond her capability. She made costumes for stage productions, flowers for weddings, and church decorations with equal enthusiasm. Her vivacious personality and sense of humor would be forever immortalized in her published book, "It's My Turn-Now Where Was I?" No one will ever take her place. She will be cherished and loved forever. Funeral mass will be held Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 11 AM at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Dr, Clarkston, MI 48346. In state at 10:30 AM. Family will receive friends Friday 4-8 PM at COATS FUNERAL HOME-CLARKSTON, 8909 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston, MI 48348. To post a tribute, visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com.

Fishman, Jacquelyn 'Jackie'

Jacquelyn Fishman, wife of the late Russell (63 years), mother to Steven, Scott (Donna) and the late Craig, grandmother to Alex (Brandon) and Marc (Chelsea), and great-grandmother to Calder. Born in Chicago to LeRoy Lewis and Sophia (Gassman), attended Senn High School and the University of Illinois, where she was a member of Sigma Delta Tau. While raising three boys, she was active in her community. She served on the board of Congregation Solel in Highland Park, organized summer programs for disadvantaged children, and as a peace activist during the Vietnam War, took her cause to Washington, D.C. Jackie also volunteered with the Highland Park Hospice Program and the Children's Hospital School in Chicago. She enjoyed playing in the Sunset Valley women's golf league and was a lifelong patron of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Jackie will be remembered for lighting up conversations with her sense of humor, laughter, and her passion for learning. She was an excellent bridge player, creative cook, and traveled the world. She enjoyed playing piano and had the gift of poetry for special occasions. True to her values, Jackie arranged to have her body donated to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Gallicho, Dora Rose

Dora Rose Gallicho, age 92, long time resident of Lansing, passed away on June 4, 2024. She is survived by her loving sons: Guy (Late Andrea) Gallicho, Michael (Linda) Gallicho, and John Gallicho; grandchildren: Alex Gallicho, Anne Gallicho, and Camille (Justin) Reinsma; great grandson: Austin Reinsma, brother: Mario (Late Connie) Rivosecchi; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving husband: Ralph Gallicho; and brothers: Domenick and Umberto "Al" (Late Jeanette) Rivosecchi.

Dora loved bowling and cooking for her family; especially Sunday afternoon pasta dinners.

Visitation with the family will be on Saturday June 15, 2024 from 10-11:45am at **Burns-Kisk Funeral Home**, 8415 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN with a Mass following at 12pm at St. Thomas More Church, 8501 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN with Fr. Mike Yadron officiating. Burial will be private. Please leave condolences at www.burnskish.com.

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Gardner, Edward Liam 'Eddie'

Edward Liam "Eddie" Gardner, age 22, a resident of Oswego and Bolingbrook, IL, passed away unexpectedly. He was born May 11, 1999, in Oak Lawn, IL. **Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill Street, Naperville, IL 60540.**

For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Gregg, Robert Milton

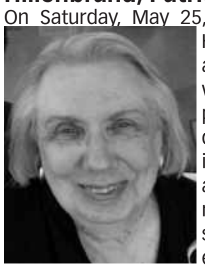
Robert Gregg, 82, long-time resident of Glenview, passed away peacefully after a long illness on May 31, 2024. He was born on July 26, 1941 in London, Kentucky to Theodore and Nell (Gross) Gregg. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Fraas Gregg, his sister, Patricia Gregg Manning and her husband, George Manning, and his sister-in-law, Joy Allison Gregg. He is also survived by a myriad of nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and nephews, and six great-grands. He was preceded in death by his two brothers, Richard and Douglas. Services will be held Saturday, June 15. Visitation and Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 9:15 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (OLPH), 1775 Grove St., Glenview, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund at OLPH or to Special Olympics Chicago at sochicago.org.

Hibner, Matthew P.

Matthew P. Hibner, age 49, of Skokie. Beloved son of Donald (Marilee, née Schneider) Hibner and the late Elizabeth Roxanne, née Pohl (the late William) Lappa; loving brother of Jason (Melissa); dear stepbrother of Elisabeth (Nicholas) Faucher and Nicholas and Eric Hibner; devoted master of Noodles; cherished friend of Craig and Amanda Brown. Visitation, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, from 3 to 8 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral Service, Wednesday, June 12, at 11 a.m., at the funeral home. Interment, St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC, 20090 (aspca.org). Info: 847.673.6111 or to leave a condolence message, go to habenfuneral.com, click on Matthew's obituary, and post a message under "Tributes."

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Hillenbrand, Patricia "Pat" Muno



On Saturday, May 25, 2024, Patricia "Pat" Muno Hillenbrand passed away at age 89. Pat was a devoted wife, loving mother, and proud grandmother. She dedicated her life to family – raising her children and creating memorable moments whether large or small. Pat was known for celebrating the holidays (sewing elaborate costumes for her children, presiding over Thanksgiving dinner, and decorating the Christmas tree with a unique theme each year); mapping out family road trips; preparing backyard picnics amid her vegetable and flower garden; and teaching her grandchildren to make her famous chocolate milk. She was happiest when surrounded by her family. Her laughter sparked joy. A graduate of Mundelein College and a devout Catholic, she was a woman of strong conviction who was comfortable speaking her mind. She had a strong sense of social justice and taught her family to put "people first." When her husband, Richard, suffered a debilitating stroke at age 58, she devoted the next 31 years to his care until his passing – learning to drive, relocating to a new home, and taking on all household responsibilities. Her selflessness was a powerful example of unconditional love. She is now reunited with her beloved and adoring husband of 63 years – together again at peace for eternity. Pat was proud of the adults that her children became as well as their accomplishments and her grandchildren. She has left an unfillable void and will be greatly missed. Pat is survived by her children, Jean (Michael Levine), James (Kathryn), John (Sharon), and Joseph, and four grandchildren, including James and Peter. Pat was born to the late Jay and Leola, née Geisler, Muno. A private mass, burial and celebration of life will be held with family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, P.O. Box 7154, Carol Stream, IL, 60197 (catholiccharities.net) or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX, 75284 (heart.org). To leave a condolence message, please go to habenfuneral.com, click on Pat's obituary, and post a message under "Tributes."

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Hobbs, Marijo C.

Marijo Hobbs passed away from cancer on June 6th, 2024, at her residence in Downers Grove, Illinois. She was born March 28, 1947, in Youngstown, Ohio. Her parents were Charles A. Caposell and Martha (Stevenson) Caposell.

Marijo was married in 1970 to James C. Hobbs, deceased. Her children are Rachel E. Hobbs of Los Angeles, California and Jared C. Hobbs of St. Charles, Illinois. She has one granddaughter, Aubrey Jean Hobbs.

She received a B.A. Degree in English Composition from the University of Pittsburgh. In 1980, she began her own graphic design studio, Baseline Graphics, in Pittsburgh, PA and then in Downers Grove, IL.

Marijo was a very skilled artist, poet, and recognized community gardener. Gardening was her passion, especially native plant gardening. From a young age her beautiful gardens looked as though they belonged in Homes & Gardens magazine. After caring for her elderly father in the late 1990s for four years, she gradually segued into a professional caregiver position, which she loved.

Besides her children and granddaughter, she leaves a brother, Charles D. Caposell of Fairfax Station, Virginia, and a sister, Elizabeth J. Caposell of Carroll Valley, Pennsylvania. Funeral arrangements are private.

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Jezior, Bernice

Bernice Jezior, 94, beloved wife of the late Stanley; loving mother of Cathy, Terrie Phebus, Francine (the late Kevin) Evens, Cynthia (the late Ira) Hare, Stan (Margaret), and Donna; dear grandmother of 6; cherished great grandmother of 13; fond sister of the late Frank Kasowicz, Gene Kasowicz, and Lottie (Al) Leksander. Funeral from **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove Friday, June 14th 9:30 a.m. to St. Isaac Jogues Church. Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Thursday, June 13th from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sign online guest book at www.simkinsfh.com. (847) 965-2500

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Kelly, Mary E. "Molly"

Mary "Molly" E. Kelly, nee Rooney, 62. Beloved wife of the late C. David Kelly; Loving daughter of the late Dr. Edmund J. and Mary (nee Flynn) Rooney; Cherished sister of Edmund (Anne), Ellen (Andrew) Martin, Peter (Virginia) and Timothy (Maura McNulty); also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. Preceded in death by her baby, Rosella, her brother, John (the late Margaret), and her sister-in-law, Jean Rooney. Molly was a retired Chicago Public school teacher and an Alumna of Amate House. Visitation Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Monday 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 to St. Cajetan Church, 112th Street & Artesian Ave., Chicago. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Les Turner ALS Foundation (lesturnerals.org) will be appreciated. For Funeral Info.: (708) 422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Kern, Diane B.

Diane B. Kern nee Ruehl of Barlett passed away June 6th, 2024. Dear wife of the late Norman Kern; dear mom of Norman Jr., and Michael (Judy) Kern; dear Nana of Natalie (Corey) Coddington, Michael R. Kern, and Lorraine Kern; great-grandma to Camila Shasteen, Liam Shasteen, Caleb Coddington and Autumn Coddington. Predeceased by her daughter Judi, brother Robert Ruehl, sister Jeannie Ruehl and parents Fred Ruehl and Cecelia Hansen. Donations to Sacred Heart Catholic Church Lombard. Visitation Monday June 10, 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at **Brust Funeral Home** 135 S. Main St. Lombard. Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 10:00 AM on Tuesday June 11. Interment at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in River Grove. Info 888-629-0094.

MacFadden, Jr., Matthew Charles



Matthew Charles MacFadden Jr. (81) of Willowbrook, IL passed away the morning of May 27th, 2024 in his home. He is preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Rosalyn Ellyn MacFadden (Barr), his parents Mary (Vigh) and Matthew Charles MacFadden Sr., and his brother Mark, who we know greeted him at heaven's gates. Matt Jr. was a devoted husband, caring father, and an adored "Grampy Mac". Matt Jr. is survived by his son Matthew Charles III, his granddaughter Calliope Grace, his daughter Meghan Ellyn Kuhlman (John III) and a grandson on the way, his sisters Cynthia Kaufmann (Peter), and Deborah Crean (Fred), 3 nieces and 4 nephews. We will all remember Matt's humor, celebrate his giving soul and his unwavering love for his family. A memorial service will be held on June 14th, 2024 at **Adolf & Powell Funeral Home**, 7000 S Madison Street, Willowbrook, IL 60527. The family will take visitors beginning at 10AM and memorial service will begin at 11AM. An interment will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Matt's honor can be made to Dementia Friendly America, Meals on Wheels, or Northwestern Medicine's Division of Geriatrics. Arrangements by **Adolf & Powell Funeral Home**. For more information 630-325-2300 or www.adolfservices.com.

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Madzinski, Arthur J.

Arthur J. Madzinski, 85, of Chicago, passed away on June 1, 2024. He was the beloved husband of 62 years to Barbara, née Augustyn, loving father to Michele (the late Thomas Campbell) and Michael (Amy Ryan) Madzinski, and cherished grandpa of Zachary and Madison Alton and Jack and Charles Madzinski. Dear son of the late Arthur and Lillian Madzinski. He will be dearly missed by many friends and family. A visitation will be held on Monday, June 10th from 4-8pm with a prayer service at 7:00pm at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Ave., Chicago IL 60646. Interment is private. Memorial donations in Arthur's name can be made to American Cancer Society,150 S Wacker Dr #2100, Chicago, IL 60606. For more info 773-736-3833 or www.smithcorcoran.com

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Martin, Daniel J.



Daniel J. Martin Jr., age 88, of McHenry passed away June 6, 2024. Beloved husband of Louise Martin for 64 wonderful years. Loving father to Daniel B. Martin, Charles (Colleen) Martin, Louise (David) Wells, Mary (Jerry) Black, Anne Ulmer, Joe (Jennifer) Martin, Edward Martin, and James (Rachel) Martin. Cherished grandfather to 15 and great-grandfather to 7. Dear brother to Mary Kay Martin and the late Bill Martin. Dan proudly served in the Army National Guard for several years. After his service, he became a Chicago Police Officer and later became the Chief of Police for the City of Lincolnwood Illinois. Dan was an avid fisherman, hunter and photographer. He will be deeply missed. A visitation will be held Thursday June 13, 2024 at Colonial Funeral Home, 591 Ridgeview Dr. McHenry IL 60050 from 3:00-7:00pm. A mass will be Friday June 14, 2024 at St. Patrick Church, McHenry IL at 11:00am. Interment private. For more information please Colonial Funeral Home, 815-385-0063 or go to www.colonialmchenry.com

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McNamara, Timothy Ian

Timothy Ian McNamara, 86, died peacefully on June 1, 2024, at St. Mark's Living in Austin, MN. Born Jan. 29, 1938, to John and Marie McNamara in Chicago, he married Helene "Lynn" McInerney Dec. 26, 1964, at St. Giles Catholic Church, Oak Park. Tim is survived by his wife, Lynn McNamara; children Tim (Barbara) McNamara, Marie (Dan) Wood, Amy (Paul) Sheehan; 7 grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Jack, James and Tom McNamara. A memorial service will be held at Clasen-Jordan Mortuary, Austin, MN.

McSpadden (Hudson), Elizabeth Ann



We lost a bright light May 18th and the leader of Team Sunshine, my daughter, Liz McSpadden. Liz was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2018, a passionate warrior through metastatic events the last 4 years. A huge advocate for pink sisters, a financial analyst for ALDI, who loved her work, and husband/soulmate Dave, dog mom, an active cancer blog writer and more, Liz was an inspiration to many. Liz had a BS in accounting and an MBA from NIU. She is also supported by Here For The Girls, a non profit that helps young women with breast cancer and is featured as Miss January on their 2024 annual calendar. We had the joy of Liz being our Maid of Honor 6 weeks ago. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. And a very large thank you to Dave McSpadden for the wonderful care he gave Liz. Private arrangements are being made.

Mennella, Rosaria C.

Rosaria C. Mennella (nee Colletti), a devout Roman Catholic, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on June 5, 2024 at age 95. Beloved wife of the late John S. Mennella. Mother with boundless love for Julia, B. Joseph, Angela (Michael) Sopko, John (Christine), Concetta (Charles) Zasso, and baby Bernadette who preceded her in death. Proud grandmother of Jessica (Matthew), Caroline (Michael), Alexander (Jessica), Michael (Lauren), Julia (Jonathan), Matthew, and Sarah, and great grandmother of Zoe, Colette, Charles, and Eleanor. Dear daughter of the late Dominic and Angeline Colletti and cherished sister of Concetta (Robert) Hicks and Angela Colletti. Dedicated Chicago public school teacher/guidance counselor for more than 25 years. Fond cousin, aunt, godmother, and genuine friend of many. Visitation Tuesday, June 11th from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave, Chicago. Funeral Mass Wednesday, June 12th at 10:00 A.M. at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash, Chicago. Interment All Saints Cemetery. More info 773-736-3833 or www.smith-corcoran.com.

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Murray, Bernadine M.

Bernadine M. Murray, nee Janowicz, age 90, beloved wife of the late Richard; loving mother of Susan, the late Betsy, and Joe (Mary); cherished grandmother of Rebecca (Dan Kapral) Murray, Melinda (Brandon) Thompson, Mark (Allison) Dombrowski, Aaron, and Juliane Dombrowski; dear sister of Mary Ann Kwilin; also, nieces and nephews. Services and burial were private. Arrangements by Modell Darien.

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Nelson, John G. 'Jack'

age 93 years, resident of Palos Park, IL. Passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Dolores nee Dziver; loving father of Valerie Nelson Litchfield, Gary (Sharon) and Ron (Julie) Nelson. Cherished grandfather of 7; Proud great-grandfather of 6; devoted son of the late Andrew and Lydia Nelson; dearest brother of the late Erling (the late Betty) Nelson; kind uncle of Kurt (Beverly) Nelson, Jacqueline (Mark) King and the late Sandra (Phil) Azzarello. Member with the Elevator Constructors Local #2, and the Elks Lodge #1596. In lieu of flowers contributions to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated or visit www.stjude.org

For information or to express your condolences, please visit www.palosgaidasfh.com or call 708-974-4410

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Orput, Joanne A.



Joanne A. Orput passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 11, 2024, at the age of 89, bringing a full and wonderful life as a loving wife, mother, and friend to the end. Born in Evanston, Illinois, Joanne cherished living in downtown Chicago, balanced by years spent raising family in Rockford, Lake Forest, Snowmass, and was also a longtime resident of Santa Barbara, California. Her life was characterized by her radiant smile, infectious energy, and the endless joy she derived from spending time with friends and family. Joanne had a unique style and appreciation of beauty, especially of flowers, art, and bright colors which illuminated every aspect of her life.

A graduate of East High School in Rockford, Joanne attended University of Illinois in Champaign. After graduating with a degree in Education she taught at Morris Kennedy Grade School in Rockford and tutored students in English. She honeymooned for two years with her loving husband, Alden Orput, in Murnau, Germany, where he was stationed as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers. During this time, they traveled throughout Europe and Scandinavia. She was a devoted wife and a hard-working, loving mother who crisscrossed North America with Alden and their young children in tow, camping and exploring, especially out west.

Her immense love of plants and flowers filled her homes, particularly her love of hothouse orchids. She was known for her infectious, joyful laugh that could be heard across any room. Joanne's bright lipstick, love of unique eyeglasses, and distinctive fashion sense made her stand out in any crowd. She was always friendly, engaging everyone in conversations that left them smiling and feeling recognized. Ultimately, her most defining attribute was her immense love for her family and grandchildren.

Joanne's philanthropic spirit was evident in her commitment to the Junior League of Rockford, Board Member of the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara Music Academy, and the Braille Institute of Santa Barbara. She was also a longtime member of the Women's Athletic Club of Chicago.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, architect Alden, parents Bert and Edna Adamson, in-laws Raymond and Hilah Orput, son Jeffery A. Orput (Debbie), and daughter Deanne G. Parker (John). She is survived by her children and grandchildren: daughter, Kimberly (SL) van der Zanden, son, Greg (Cristen) Orput, grandchildren, Lillie van der Zanden, Olivia, Grace, and Ryan Orput, Max and Alex Orput, Chris Chuchna, Sarah, Nick, and Rachael Parker. Joanne is also survived by her brother Ronald Adamson (Alta Jo) of Fremont, California.

A memorial gathering and reception to celebrate Joanne's life will take place at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604 on Saturday, June 22th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a memorial service at 12 p.m. Valet parking will be available. In lieu of flowers at the service, please send to a friend who brightens your life and honor Joanne's legacy of spreading joy and beauty. To sign guestbook, visit: www.ryan-parke.com.

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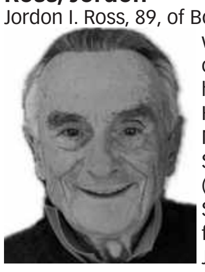
Regester, Edward T.



Edward T. Regester, age 76, Navy Veteran, repairman for the Chicago Transit Authority for 25 years, retired in 1998; painter with M & M Painting, in maintenance at the British Home, and at Mariano's in Westchester until his final retirement in 2020; beloved husband of Mary, nee Burke; loving father of William (Christina) and Sarah (Cory Bengtsen) Regester; devoted grandfather of Joseph Edward Narrajos; dear brother of Roberta (the late Rick) Welton, the late Robert (the late Marilyn) Regester, the late John (Linda) Regester, and Joe (Sharon) Regester; and brother-in-law of the late Sheila Burke, Cathy (Mike) Tanner, Mike (Laura) Burke, Pat Burke, Barb (Lou) Roppo, Judy (John) Mortell, and John (Maria) Burke; and dear uncle and friend to many. Visitation Saturday, June 15, 2024, 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with a funeral service at 6:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile north of St. Charles Road), Elmhurst. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Les Turner ALS Foundation, 5550 West Touhy Avenue, Suite 302; Skokie, IL 60077-3254 or Paralyzed Veterans of America, 875 Eye Street NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20006. Live stream of funeral service available through the funeral home website. For funeral information, please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com.

Ross, Jordon

Jordon I. Ross, 89, of Boca Raton, passed peacefully



with his family at his side on June 5th, 2024. Beloved husband of Lesli Ross, nee Koppelman; father of Dr. Neil Ross and Leslie (Tom) Silverstein; brother of Benita (the late Lester) Flack and Sherline Miller; proud grandfather of Matthew, Ilana and Jonathan Ross, Beth, Ariel (Nathaniel Bobrick), and Joey Silverstein; great-grandfather of Lior Bobrick; son of the late Lillian and the late Joe H. Ross; uncle to many.

A Chicago native, Jordon witnessed the founding of the State of Israel when he was 14. He went on to graduate from Ida Crown Jewish Academy, Northwestern University and DePaul Law school in Chicago. An innovative and successful entrepreneur, he started his career in high school, tutoring Bnei Mitzvah, paid his way through law school working full time, then went on to have a long and storied career in finance, insurance, real estate, tech, media & entertainment, and as a golf course owner. He was a pioneer of the municipal finance industry as well as technological systems for automated residual payments in the television industry.

His lifelong charitable commitments to many organizations included Hillel Torah Day School, Israel Bonds, The Weizmann Institute of Science, North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry and Kloda Whitebook Kesher Academy.

He was an avid tennis player, committed and talented golfer, and accomplished musician, having taken up the trumpet at the age of 81. He lived a long, happy life with humor, verve and exceptional joy.

Internment at **South Florida Jewish Cemetery** June 7. Memorial donations may be made to the Kloda Whitebook Kesher Academy of Aventura, Florida or to an Israel support organization of your choice.

Shulman, Robert B.

Robert B. Shulman, M.D., age 69, of Vernon Hills, IL,



passed away on June 5, 2024. Loving husband of Sarah for 42 years and beloved father of Rachel, Rebecca, and Benjamin. Survived by his brother Mark, sister Cindy Cassidy, cousins, nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Bernard H. Shulman and Phyllis Shulman. Bob grew up in Highland Park, IL, and attended the Chicago Medical School (now Rosalind Franklin Medical School). He completed his residency in psychiatry at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago where he became the chief resident and board certified in psychiatry and neurology. After working at Rush North Shore in Skokie, Bob returned to Rush University Medical Center in 2012 and became Chairperson of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences in 2020. He was a knowledgeable colleague, supportive teacher and mentor, and life-changing physician. Bob led with compassion, humor, and encyclopedic knowledge. He built a legacy of clinical excellence in mental health care, and his care for others was a hallmark of his personal and professional lives. Family was of the utmost importance to him, and his impact will forever be that of a cherished husband, father, and friend. Memorial service will be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 1 pm at Makom Solel Lakeside Congregation, 1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. A memorial service at Rush will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Rush honoring Dr. Robert B. Shulman's impact: rushgiving.com/psychiatryfnd. Visit westlawncemetery.org for more information. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621

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Stasch, Stanley Francis

Stanley Francis Stasch, 92, of Chicago, loving and



beloved husband of Julia Stasch, passed away at home on May 31, 2024. Stan relished the life he led, nurtured by his mother, Martha (Lyczko), and his grandparents, Joseph and Matilda Lyczko, in a home near Wrigley Field. Following the award of 1949 Man of the Year at Lane Tech High School, he earned a B.A. in Electrical Engineering at Notre Dame. After serving in the U.S. Army, he used the G.I. Bill to earn graduate degrees at Notre Dame and Northwestern Universities. With a Ph.D. in Business Administration from Northwestern, he joined the faculty at Northwestern's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. After 14 years, he joined the Quinlan School of Business at Loyola University Chicago as the Charles H. Kellstadt Professor of Marketing.

Over his 47-year academic career and beyond, Stan treasured his many friends and colleagues while making sure that he maintained close contact with friends from his childhood neighborhood, Lane Tech, and Notre Dame. He was grateful for the opportunity to write, co-author, and co-edit six books, including a popular marketing research textbook that appeared in seven editions. Some of his many papers were published in the Harvard Business Review and the Journal of Marketing.

Stan met Julia (nee Menaugh) in 1971, and, over more than 50 years, shared with her a love for travel, skiing, getaway weekends at their cottage in Michigan, and the haven of their home in Chicago. Stan took great pleasure in supporting Julia's ambitious career. They frequently marveled at the beautiful life they made together.

An avid history buff, after his retirement in 2009, Stan researched and wrote an online course, "The Creation and Destruction of the Great American Middle Class: 1930-2010," which was published in 2013.

Stan was preceded in death by his brother, Joseph, and, in addition to his wife, is survived by members of the Stasch family, his niece, Sarah; his nephew, Paul; his grandnieces, Sydney and Kiley; and great-grandniece and nephew, Teagen and Quentin Remi. A private funeral service was held, and interment is at St. Henry Cemetery in Chicago.

Info: **donnellanfuneral.com or 847-675-1990.**

Strysik, Dolores A. 'Dolly'

Dolores "Dolly" A. Strysik, 78, passed peacefully in her sleep on May 31, 2024. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Joe and older brother Joseph. Dolores was a sister to George (Kathleen); sister-in-law to Michele; aunt to Jerome, Kathy, Kim (Craig), Cheryl (Erwin) and Mark (Catie); mother to Dori; grandmother to Laura and Zachary; great-aunt to Carter, Kaitlyn, Caleb, and Alyssa; great-grandmother to Bruce and Nico; and a good friend, neighbor and colleague to many over the years.

Dolores was truly a people person and loved to tell a corny joke. A proud Bohemian and a Blecha through and through. Generous, stubborn, witty and smart. She loved a good bargain, could fix anything, and was always up for an adventure. Late to everything (except work) but definitely worth the wait. She will be dearly missed.

In-state visitation will be on Monday, June 10, 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass. Mass to begin at 10:30 a.m. at St. Monica Catholic Church 5136 N. Nottingham Ave., Chicago, IL. Interment to follow at Irving Park Cemetery. For info 773-774-3232 or www.kolbus-mayfh.com.

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Tarmino Jr., Philip Albert

Philip Tarmino, age 69 of Chicago, Illinois passed away on June 1st. Phil had a career in drywall and painting and enjoyed fishing, playing pool, riding his Harley and hanging with friends. He was married to his wife for 44 years. He is survived by his wife Judy, his son Bryan, his daughter Allyson and numerous siblings, nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements will be held on Friday, June 14th between 4 - 8pm at Malec and Sons funeral home 6000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Waterous, Sr., Edward William

Edward William Waterous, Sr., of Merrillville, IN,



passed away peacefully on May 24, 2024 surrounded by his family. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, June15, 2024 from 12 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 2 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. For complete obituary details, visit www.burnsfuneral.com.

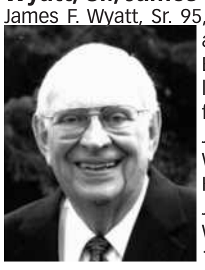
Wexner, Justine Green

Justine Green Wexner, beloved wife of the late Abe Wexner, passed away peacefully on June 7, 2024 at the age of 106 (nine days before her 107th birthday). Born on June 16,1917 in Chicago, Illinois, Justine was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, cousin and dear friend to many. She is survived by too many to list, including four generations of the family of which she has been a constant and most loving matriarch: daughter Lynne Starman, son Richard Wexner and his wife Beth Wexner; cherished grandchildren Lori Weissman and her husband Doug Weissman, Wendy Papier and her husband Larry Papier, Jeff Starman and his wife Helen Starman, Nicki Eisenstein and her husband Lee Eisenstein and Adam Wexner and his wife Ashley Wexner; and joyful great grandchildren Sarah Starman, Jacob Starman, Carli Starman, Alec Weissman and his wife Sloane Weissman, Evan Papier, Max Papier, Avery Eisenstein, Camryn Eisenstein, Leonard Wexner, Lewis Wexner and Sid Wexner. Justine is recently predeceased by her dear son-in-law Marvin Starman. Justine was known for her keen intellect, ageless beauty, passion for fashion, great sense of humor, kind heart and unwavering dedication to her family. She found great joy in spending time with her loved ones and nurturing the family she and Abe built together. A celebration of Justine's life will be held on June 11 at 12:30 at Westlawn Cemetery Mausoleum, 7801 W Montrose Ave., Norridge. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to St Jude, stjude.org or to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, ushmm.org. Rest in peace, Justine. Your love and enduring legacy will forever remain in our hearts. To view the livestream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

Wyatt, Sr., James F. 'Jim'

James F. Wyatt, Sr. 95, of Hoffman Estates passed



away on June 5, 2024. Beloved husband of the late Martha C. Wyatt. Loving father of Cathy Mygrant, Jim Jr. (Linda) Wyatt, Tom (Maria) Wyatt, Marcie Skidmore, Karen Parker, Beth (the late Jim) Pierce and Steve (Dawn) Wyatt. Proud grandfather of 17 and great grandfather of 17. Dear brother of Robert (Marie) Wyatt and the late George (the late Rita) Wyatt, John (Nancy) Wyatt and Don (Mary) Wyatt. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the American Cancer Society, 150 S Wacker Dr #2100, Chicago, IL 60606. Visitation Thursday, June 13 from 4-8pm at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine, IL 60067. Friends and family will meet at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 700 S Meier Rd, Mt Prospect, IL 60056, on Friday, June 14 for a funeral mass at 10:30am. Interment will be held privately. More info 847-359-8020 or www.smith-corcoran.com

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Yaffe, Alan M

Alan M Yaffe age 88 third generation and former



owner/managing partner of Piser chapels passed away June 6, 2024 beloved husband of Lois nee Rubovits for 65 years. Loving father of Scott (Wannee) Yaffe, Ken (Susan) Yaffe and Lynn (Dan) Kaplan. Most loving Poppa of Kira, Nikki, Lucas, Noah, Chloe, Charlie and Julia. Fond brother of Howard (Lois) Yaffe and Valerie "Muvy" Yaffe. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Private burial was held, Memorial Service Monday 3 PM at North Shore Congregation Israel 1185 Sheridan Rd, Glencoe, IL 60022 for info The Weinstein and Piser Funeral Home Chapel, Wilmette, Il 847-256-5700

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CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER



Meteorologists Larry Mowry, Cheryl Scott, Jaisol Martinez, Tracy Butler and Greg Dutra

ABC7 Outlook: Breezy but sunny and very comfortable. Wind gusts to 30 mph.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
High	79	69	77	84	89	85
Low	54	53	64	67	70	64
Conditions	Partly sunny, breezy and pleasant	Partly sunny	Partly sunny and nice	Pleasant with clouds and sun	Warm with some sun; breezy in the p.m.	Mostly sunny, warm and less humid
POP	15%	5%	5%	15%	25%	5%
Winds	NW 8-16 mph	NNE 8-16 mph	SSW 7-14 mph	WSW 7-14 mph	SW 8-16 mph	WNW 8-16 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Sunday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	2	5	9	9	3	1	0
RealFeel Temperature®	64	72	79	80	75	71	71

Sunday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Golfing Index	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Fishing Index	4	6	6	6	6	6	4

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Golf and Fishing Indexes**: **0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

CHICAGO ALMANAC

Saturday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	77
Low	59
Normal high	78
Normal low	58
Record high	97 (1933)
Record low	42 (1885)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Saturday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	79	55	80	57
Gary	77	55	79	58
Kankakee	81	57	80	59
Lansing	82	54	78	58
Midway	80	61	79	60
Romeoville	78	57	80	58
Valparaiso	79	53	81	59
Waukegan	73	53	74	54

Saturday Precipitation

	2024	2023	Normal
Saturday*	0.01”	0.00”	0.14”
Month to date	1.39”	0.88”	1.13”
Year to date	16.66”	13.84”	15.86”

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Saturday

Pollen as of 6/3

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Low	Absent	Absent	High

Source: Loyola Medicine via NAB

Air Quality Index

Saturday's reading
Good
Sunday's forecast
Moderate
Primary pollutant **Ozone**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

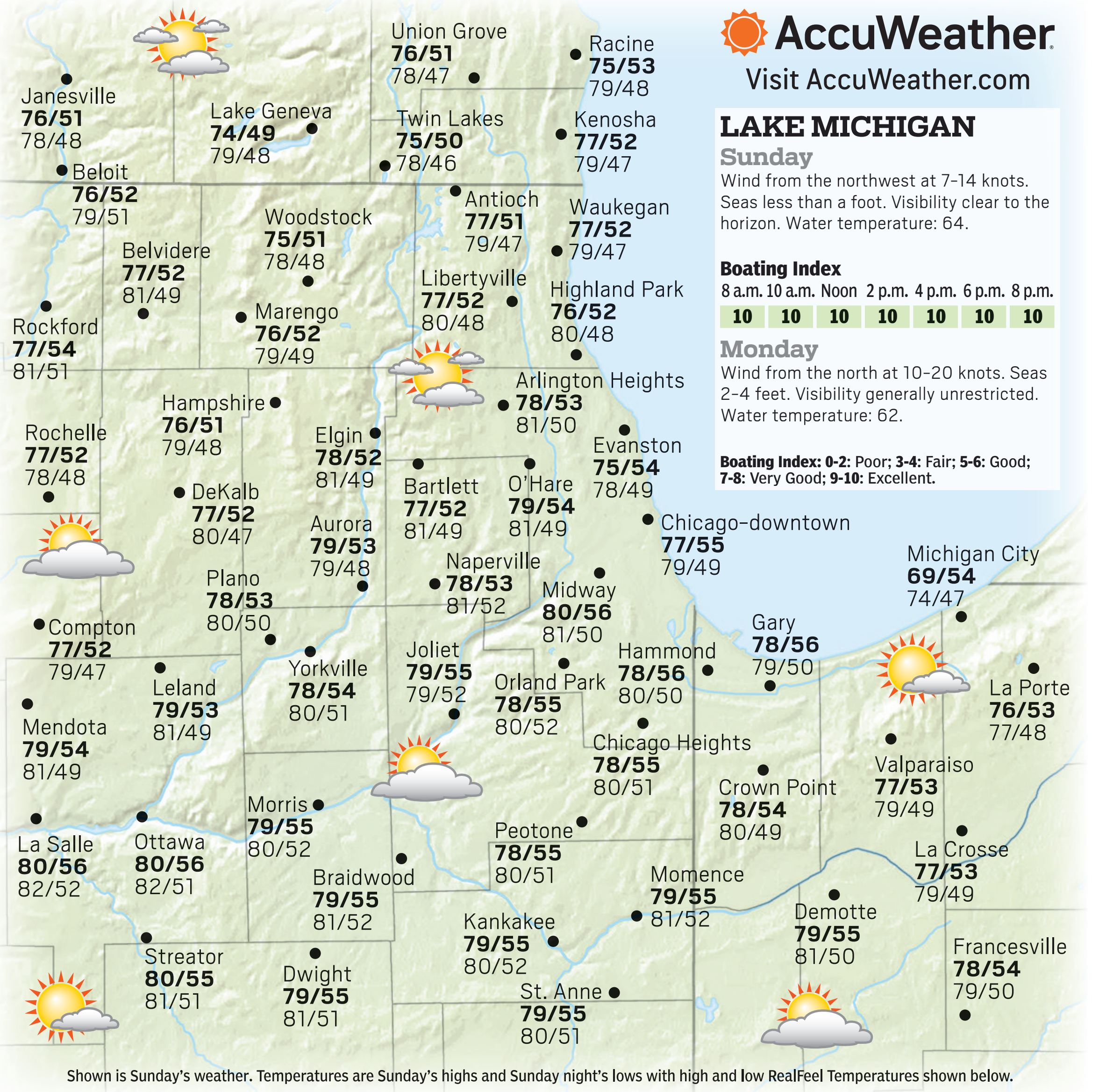
	Sun.	Mon.
Sunrise	5:15 a.m.	5:15 a.m.
Sunset	8:25 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Moonrise	7:54 a.m.	9:02 a.m.
Moonset	11:40 p.m.	none

First	Full	Last	New
Jun 14	Jun 21	Jun 28	Jul 5

Sunday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	4:53 a.m.	7:55 p.m.
Venus	5:22 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
Mars	2:50 a.m.	4:13 p.m.
Jupiter	4:22 a.m.	7:03 p.m.
Saturn	1:19 a.m.	12:41 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: not visible Mars: 4:45 a.m. Jupiter: 4:45 a.m. Saturn: 4:45 a.m. Mercury: not visible



Shown is Sunday's weather. Temperatures are Sunday's highs and Sunday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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LAKE MICHIGAN

Sunday

Wind from the northwest at 7-14 knots. Seas less than a foot. Visibility clear to the horizon. Water temperature: 64.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Monday

Wind from the north at 10-20 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility generally unrestricted. Water temperature: 62.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

ASK abc7



Greg Dutra

QUESTION: Do the moonrise and moonset times get longer or shorter in different seasons like the sun does?

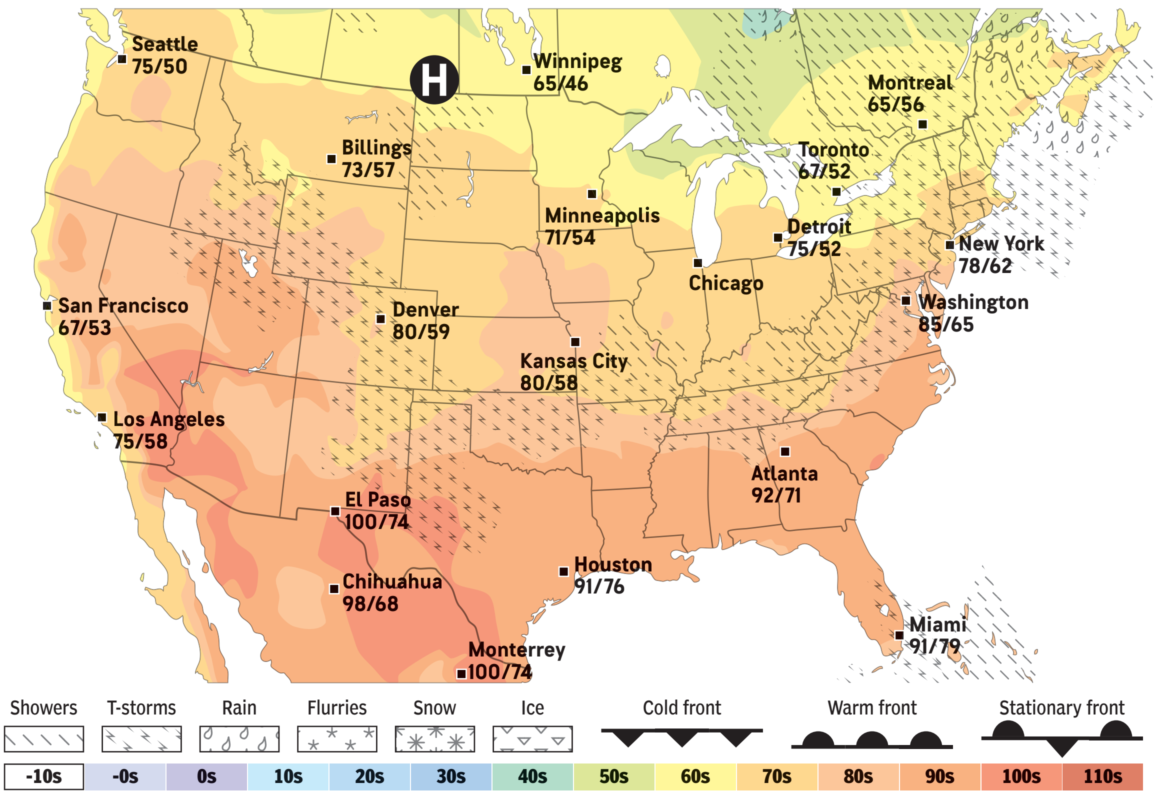
Larry McConnell, Portage, Indiana

ANSWER: Sunrise and sunset times are governed by Earth's orbit around the sun and Earth's tilt on its axis. Since the moon isn't part of this system, its rise and set aren't subject to them. The best way to gauge moonrise is by its phase. Each day the moon rises about 45 minutes later than the previous as it goes through its 28-day cycle. A new moon rises around 6 a.m. The first quarter rises around noon. The full moon rises around 6 p.m. The last quarter rises around midnight. The moon stays up for around 12 hours a day. This varies by latitude.

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NATIONAL FORECAST

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	78/56/r	74/53/s
Champaign	79/55/pc	71/48/pc
Decatur	79/56/pc	73/48/pc
Moline	82/53/s	74/50/s
Peoria	81/57/pc	74/52/pc
Quincy	80/56/pc	73/52/pc
Rockford	77/54/pc	73/48/s
Springfield	80/56/s	74/50/pc
Sterling	78/52/pc	72/49/s
Indiana		
Bloomington	78/55/pc	65/45/pc
Evansville	80/59/r	74/51/s
Fort Wayne	77/53/pc	70/48/pc
Indianapolis	78/56/pc	68/51/pc
Lafayette	79/53/pc	67/43/pc
South Bend	76/53/s	67/46/s
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	69/47/pc	71/48/s
Kenosha	77/52/pc	66/48/s
La Crosse	72/51/pc	73/54/pc
Madison	73/49/pc	69/51/pc
Milwaukee	75/53/pc	65/51/s
Wausau	66/45/pc	72/48/s
Michigan		
Detroit	75/52/pc	69/50/s
Grand Rapids	71/49/pc	71/45/s
Marquette	54/42/pc	61/43/s
Sault Ste. Marie	56/45/c	62/41/s
Traverse City	65/47/pc	63/43/s
Iowa		
Ames	81/54/pc	75/54/pc
Cedar Rapids	77/52/s	72/51/pc
Des Moines	83/56/s	77/58/pc
Dubuque	75/51/pc	71/53/s

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	99/71/t	88/73/t
Albany, NY	69/55/r	71/52/c
Albuquerque	89/62/c	85/62/c
Amarillo	83/62/t	75/62/t
Anchorage	62/49/pc	63/48/c
Asheville	81/59/t	75/53/pc
Aspen	75/47/pc	65/45/t
Atlanta	92/71/pc	85/64/t
Atlantic City	82/64/pc	78/62/pc
Austin	96/71/pc	91/72/t
Baltimore	84/62/pc	77/59/pc
Billings	73/57/pc	81/54/sh
Birmingham	93/70/pc	84/61/t
Bismarck	73/53/pc	75/55/t
Boise	86/56/pc	85/59/s
Boston	69/58/r	74/57/c
Brownsville	98/81/pc	96/79/t
Buffalo	66/52/t	61/51/c
Burlington, VT	67/56/t	66/57/sh
Charleston, SC	100/75/s	86/69/t
Charleston, WV	78/55/sh	70/53/pc
Charlotte	91/66/c	83/62/pc
Chattanooga	86/65/t	83/60/pc
Cheyenne	71/53/t	78/54/t
Cincinnati	78/57/pc	64/52/pc
Cleveland	76/55/pc	66/51/c
Colorado Spgs	70/55/t	71/56/t
Columbia, MO	80/58/sh	76/57/pc
Columbia, SC	97/72/pc	87/62/pc
Columbus, OH	77/56/pc	67/51/pc
Concord	68/52/r	75/50/c
Corpus Christi	95/79/s	96/77/t
Dallas	94/72/pc	84/73/t
Daytona Beach	98/74/s	95/74/pc
Denver	80/59/t	82/58/t
Duluth	60/47/pc	69/52/pc
El Paso	100/74/pc	100/71/pc

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Fairbanks	81/59/pc	71/54/sh
Fargo	70/48/pc	72/59/pc
Flagstaff	78/48/pc	80/45/pc
Fort Myers	91/78/t	91/76/t
Fort Smith	92/67/t	84/65/t
Fresno	93/63/pc	97/70/s
Grand Junction	94/65/pc	90/61/pc
Great Falls	72/52/pc	76/49/sh
Harrisburg	83/62/pc	76/61/pc
Hartford	74/57/r	75/55/pc
Helena, MT	73/56/pc	82/53/sh
Honolulu	86/75/pc	86/73/sh
Houston	91/76/pc	93/73/t
Int'l Falls	66/38/pc	72/53/pc
Jackson, MS	94/72/pc	85/64/t
Jacksonville	100/72/s	95/71/t
Juneau	62/49/c	55/48/r
Kansas City	80/58/pc	79/60/pc
Las Vegas	103/78/pc	104/78/pc
Lexington	79/57/sh	71/53/pc
Lincoln	82/55/pc	82/62/pc
Little Rock	92/66/c	85/65/t
Los Angeles	75/58/pc	75/60/pc
Louisville	79/61/pc	72/54/pc
Macon	97/71/pc	88/60/t
Memphis	88/64/t	84/62/s
Miami	91/79/t	91/79/t
Minneapolis	71/54/pc	75/59/pc
Mobile	94/74/pc	93/68/t
Montgomery	95/72/pc	87/62/t
Nashville	80/58/t	80/56/s
New Orleans	93/77/pc	93/77/t
New York City	78/62/pc	76/58/pc
Norfolk	93/71/c	84/67/pc
Oklahoma City	84/64/t	80/66/t
Omaha	82/54/pc	79/63/pc
Orlando	98/76/s	93/75/t

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Palm Beach	93/79/t	92/80/t
Palm Springs	103/71/pc	104/78/pc
Philadelphia	83/63/pc	77/62/pc
Phoenix	105/78/s	105/78/s
Pittsburgh	74/55/pc	64/49/c
Portland, ME	65/53/r	71/53/c
Portland, OR	78/52/pc	79/56/s
Providence	70/57/r	76/56/pc
Raleigh	94/66/c	86/62/pc
Rapid City	74/59/pc	79/53/t
Reno	91/60/pc	90/64/s
Richmond	91/62/t	81/59/pc
Rochester	68/52/t	63/52/c
Sacramento	86/55/pc	94/60/s
St. Louis	81/60/sh	75/57/pc
Salem, OR	81/51/pc	81/53/s
Salt Lake City	98/69/pc	89/63/t
San Antonio	98/78/pc	98/78/c
San Diego	69/60/pc	69/61/pc
San Francisco	67/53/pc	72/55/pc
San Juan	93/80/pc	93/81/c
Santa Fe	84/57/t	76/55/c
Savannah	100/74/s	89/68/t
Seattle	75/50/pc	70/53/s
Shreveport	95/74/pc	87/70/t
Sioux Falls	78/51/pc	76/64/pc
Spokane	78/54/pc	80/56/s
Syracuse	67/54/c	63/51/sh
Tallahassee	99/74/s	99/71/t
Tampa	94/80/s	92/80/pc
Topeka	80/58/pc	82/59/pc
Tucson	100/69/s	102/70/s
Tulsa	82/63/t	84/64/pc
Washington, DC	85/65/pc	80/63/pc
Wichita	78/59/pc	82/61/pc
Wilkes-Barre	77/52/pc	71/51/c
Yuma	103/75/s	102/74/s

Weather(W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	90/76/c	88/77/pc
Algiers	84/62/s	82/61/pc
Amsterdam	61/52/pc	56/49/r
Ankara	79/53/s	83/55/s
Athens	91/70/s	92/74/s
Auckland	64/60/r	66/54/pc
Baghdad	116/86/pc	116/85/pc
Bangkok	92/81/t	88/81/sh
Barbados	89/80/t	89/82/r
Barcelona	76/68/t	74/63/sh
Beijing	98/67/c	96/68/pc
Beirut	84/72/s	83/72/s
Berlin	70/51/s	66/52/pc
Bermuda	82/75/s	81/76/pc
Bogota	68/51/sh	68/50/sh
Brussels	64/50/s	56/44/sh
Bucharest	93/68/pc	96/67/c
Budapest	82/63/c	76/60/t
Bueno Aires	74/56/pc	63/56/s
Cairo	97/74/s	98/73/s
Cancun	91/79/t	89/80/t
Caracas	90/77/t	89/77/t
Casablanca	78/61/pc	76/60/pc
Copenhagen	59/49/sh	63/52/sh
Dublin	57/44/sh	61/44/pc
Edmonton	59/43/c	70/47/s
Frankfurt	70/48/pc	68/47/pc
Geneva	73/59/t	73/51/pc
Guadalajara	93/67/s	94/67/c
Havana	89/75/t	90/80/t
Helsinki	58/48/sh	62/50/sh
Hong Kong	87/81/t	88/81/t
Istanbul	87/69/pc	88/71/s
Jerusalem	86/64/s	84/65/s
Johannesburg	59/37/s	61/36/s
Kabul	72/50/c	75/52/s
Kingston	91/81/pc	91/81/pc

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Kyiv	80/63/pc	84/66/pc
Lima	66/60/pc	67/59/pc
Lisbon	73/61/c	74/61/pc
London	65/51/pc	60/45/sh
Madrid	77/57/sh	77/54/t
Manila	91/80/t	92/81/t
Mexico City	84/61/s	84/57/pc
Monterrey	100/74/pc	99/71/t
Montreal	65/56/t	63/54/sh
Moscow	72/57/s	70/61/sh
Munich	66/53/t	67/50/sh
Nairobi	72/56/c	74/54/c
Nassau	89/78/t	90/79/t
New Delhi	107/87/pc	109/89/pc
Oslo	56/45/sh	67/47/sh
Ottawa	65/51/sh	57/49/sh
Panama City	86/76/t	86/76/r
Paris	70/49/pc	63/45/sh
Prague	71/53/c	69/54/c
Rio de Janeiro	80/68/s	81/70/pc
Riyadh	113/85/s	114/85/s
Rome	83/66/pc	79/66/pc
Santiago	59/48/r	61/50/c
Seoul	82/63/s	85/66/pc
Singapore	89/80/t	89/81/sh
Sofia	89/62/s	88/60/t
Stockholm	57/46/pc	55/45/r
Sydney	67/51/pc	63/46/s
Taipei	89/78/r	89/78/t
Tehran	96/79/s	97/78/pc
Tokyo	78/66/c	75/66/pc
Toronto	67/52/sh	63/51/c
Trinidad	88/79/t	86/78/sh
Vancouver	69/53/pc	64/53/s
Vienna	75/61/t	69/57/t
Warsaw	73/55/pc	63/51/r
Winnipeg	65/46/s	70/54/r

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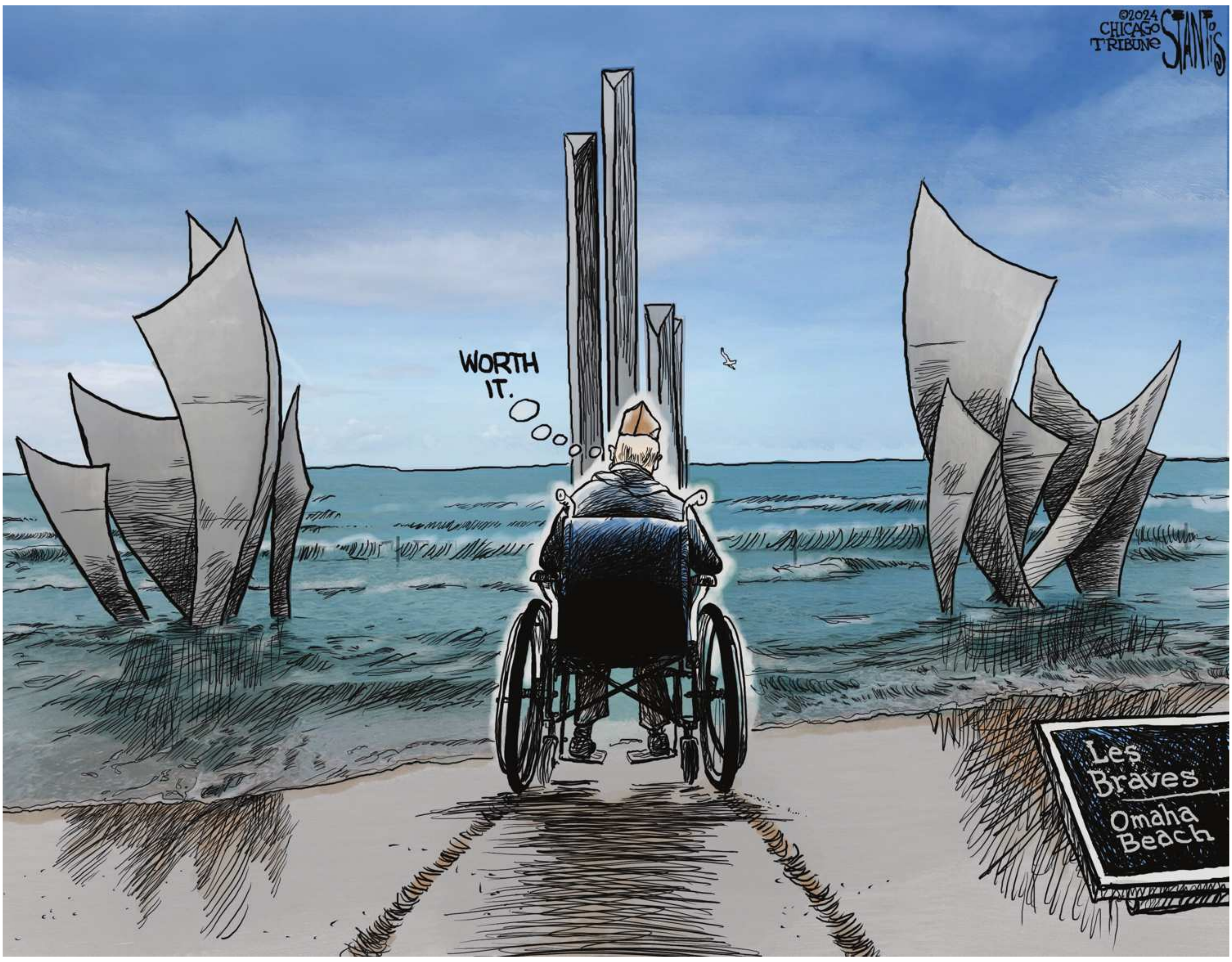
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All hail the men on the D-Day beaches and the women working in the shadows

Politics hardly took the day off in celebration of Thursday's 80th anniversary of D-Day in France.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak took flack and was forced to apologize for leaving Normandy early to do, of all things, a TV interview on the pending British general election, a boneheaded fail for a British politician from the Conservative Party. The Republican Party's Joe Biden sleuths who scour video footage for weaponizable evidence of presidential mental decline were clueless enough not to take the day off. What folly.

Meanwhile, first lady Jill Biden ping-ponged back and forward and back again across the Atlantic as she tried to show up for the veterans and her husband while also maintaining her presence in a Wilmington, Delaware, courtroom to support her stepson, Hunter Biden, as he faced gun charges. It was quite the feat from the first lady and her office, and all Americans should be able to appreciate that, regardless of their opinion of the Hunter Biden matter. Or so we can hope.

The veterans, of course, deserved no less than a day of uncommon unity, especially since we are coming to the end of the era of having the ongoing benefit of those who were there and who are now 99, or 101, or even 102. Delta Air Lines and others have been flying veterans to Normandy for commemorations every five years, but, given our shared mortality, it was impossible not to think about how the stately procession of wheelchairs will be far shorter in 2029, if it exists at all. Although one never knows, given that these are some mighty tough old soldiers.

They came back one last time this past week, mostly in their wheelchairs or supported by canes, from residences and retirement homes all across America, Britain and Canada, some stooped, some proudly upright, all living representatives of the roughly 4,400 Allied troops who died on the beaches of Normandy. Many remain mentally sharp and shared vivid memories of June 6, 1944, even though it was estimated that around a half of them had not been back in this old theater since they rose up out of the water on Omaha Beach or one of the other landings where free French children now play. Thousands of French citizens came out to see and thank them; that once-occupied nation has never forgotten their saviors, the soldiers who finally pushed the Nazis out of France, gave the French back their country and sealed Adolf Hitler's fate.

We were inestimably inspired by the moving exchange between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, a man we've long seen as rich in emotional intelligence, and Melvin Hurwitz, a 99-year-old World War II veteran from Frederick, Maryland. We've played the footage several times, after finding the most revealing angle. Zelenskyy is introduced to Hurwitz by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who says "he is still fighting now." Hurwitz, lighting up like a firefly at the sight of the Ukrainian leader, kisses his hand and calls him "the savior of the people." Zelenskyy is having none of that, moving in for a bear hug, well before the exchange is broadcast on the event's big screen. "No, no, no," he says to Staff Sgt. Hurwitz, who flew on a B-17 with the 863rd Bomb Squadron in the 493rd Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force and then reportedly spent the 30 years after the war working in his father's watch and jewelry shop in Baltimore.

Hurwitz grew up in Maryland, but his parents were Russian immigrants. It goes without saying that Vladimir Putin was not invited to the ceremony, having now firmly positioned himself on the wrong side of history.

"You saved Europe," Zelenskyy said. "I will pray for you," Hurwitz said. "Thank you," said Zelenskyy.

Efforts were made Thursday to honor the role of women who were part of the war effort: A 103-year-old British naval officer named Christian Lamb — a member of the Women's Royal Naval Service (colloquially known as the WRENS) who became an "official plotting officer," using data from radar stations and working on ships' trajectories — was awarded the Legion d'honneur by French President Emmanuel Macron. Macron noted that Lamb first did this work even as her own fiance was sailing on one of the warships relying on her group for its safe passage, oblivious to his own wife's role. Macron then explained how Lamb plotted D-Day logistics from Winston Churchill's secret London bunker.

"You were not there in person but you guided each step they took," Macron said. "You set us an example which we will not forget."

Such was the whole day. We'll just add that we know some other living women who were there for D-Day but did not plot maps, nor break codes, nor rise up from the waves. Their role was on the home front, tending to small children, perhaps, or keeping households together as husbands and brothers went off to fight on the beaches of Normandy, many never to return.

These women replaced men in factories, tilled fields, pushed office paper, sang for the troops, worked behind the counters of stores. Women as a whole live longer than men, so it is probably fair to say that there are more of them still alive in the nations that made up the Allied effort in 1944. Should you be lucky enough to know one, you might ask them about June 6, 1944.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Why did I live through this and I saw all these other guys that didn't get through? I always asked the question, 'Why did it happen to them and not me?' I've never forgotten what happened there."

— Richard "Dick" Rung, a D-Day veteran

"Isolationism was not the answer 80 years ago and is not the answer today. The price of unchecked tyranny is the blood of the young and the brave."

— President Joe Biden

"I'm sleeping good, man. I've got a lot of faith. I'm a faith-based man. I believe everything happens for a reason. … I'm a White Sock until I'm not a White Sock."

— Pedro Grifol, White Sox manager

"I've got great lawyers, and we're going to go all the way to the Supreme Court if we have to. … There's not a prison built or jail built that will ever shut me up."

— Steve Bannon

"Mr. Burke cloaked himself in the power of a public official from the very first meeting."

— Assistant U.S. Attorney Diane MacArthur, on ex-Ald. Edward Burke

"I'll probably cry. A lot of things got damaged. And I'm not even sure if our James Beard award is clean enough to put out."

— Mark Kotlick, president of Calumet Fisheries, on its looming reopening

OPINION

Halt all work on the DuSable Lake Shore Drive project

By Angela Clay, Timmy Knudsen, Bennett Lawson and Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth

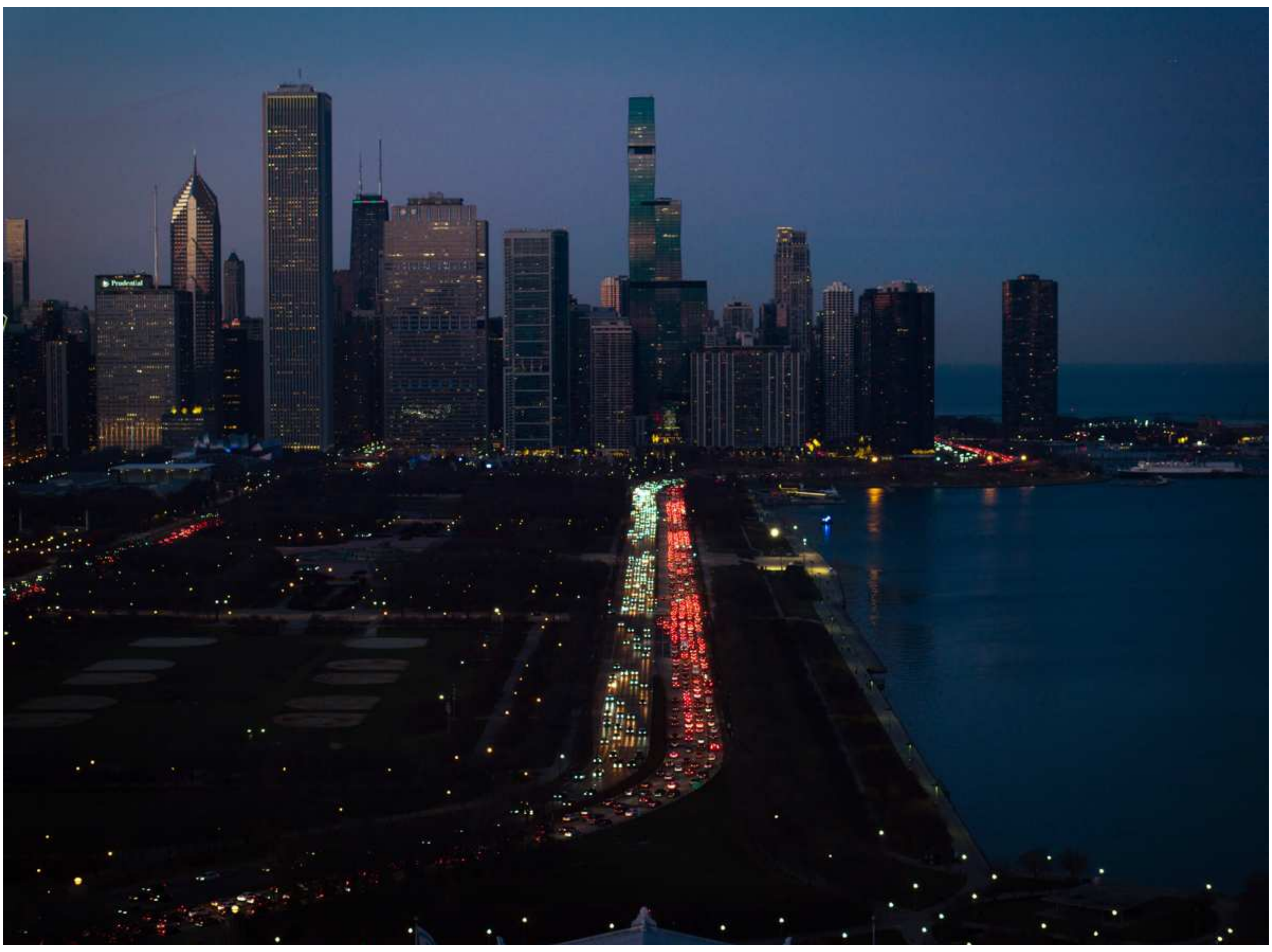
As City Council members, in coordination with the group Chicago, Bike Grid Now!, we have questions and concerns for the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the state of the North Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable Lake Shore Drive Study and Redefine The Drive project.

Because of the trajectory of the project as an urban highway without significant mass transit elements, we are calling for a halt to planning events, public meetings and other work related to the project. We believe the project would benefit from meetings with members of the City Council to discuss our oversight role as elected officials and our vision for DuSable Lake Shore Drive.

Together, our growing coalition represents hundreds of thousands of Chicago residents. We consider Lake Michigan among our city's greatest resources. DuSable Lake Shore Drive should serve as a gateway to our lakefront and our communities. It should be a multiplier when it comes to supporting commuters, small businesses, commerce and recreation. We believe this project as currently proposed does not represent our communities' interests and the long-term viability, accessibility, and value of our neighborhoods and lakefront.

This is our vision for DuSable Lake Shore Drive: a smaller, more efficient footprint that includes sustainable, multimodal 21st-century transportation solutions to accommodate all users and provide safe and easy access to our lakefront parks and other resources. We oppose all versions of the proposal that fail to incorporate mass transit elements such as buses or light rail. We want modern solutions that prioritize non-car travel and put pedestrians, cyclists, public transit users, recreation, green space, commercial growth and property values ahead of cars.

Faced with opportunities to remake urban roadways, cities across the world are opting to downsize and implement modern and sustainable engineering practices to re-imagine, overhaul and dramatically improve on existing conditions. Chicago deserves better than a cosmetic redo on DuSable Lake Shore Drive.



Afternoon rush hour traffic on DuSable Lake Shore Drive on Feb. 13. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

As currently configured, DuSable Lake Shore Drive is a dangerous roadway, and Redefine The Drive fails to make it safer. According to traffic crash reporting from the Chicago Police Department, since 2018, DuSable Lake Shore Drive has been the scene of more than 14,000 crashes, or an average of seven crashes every single day. These crashes — which have even affected users on the Lakefront Trail — resulted in more than 3,500 injuries, including 505 incapacitating injuries, and 40 fatalities. The economic cost of these crashes is estimated at more than half a billion dollars. A 2018 report indicated 95% of drivers exceed speed limits when DuSable Lake Shore Drive is not congested.

While we in the City Council are making difficult policy decisions to reverse an increasing number of crashes and roadway deaths, this project represents a step back when it comes to safety on our lakefront.

In 2020, the City Council declared that Chicago is in a climate crisis, a status that is supported by scientists and other experts. Mayor Brandon Johnson has stated that Chicago needs to take a "strong stand to mitigate climate disaster" and be a "leader in sustainability." This project does not make Chicago greener. It does not advance even basic suggested environmentally sound practices related to emissions, microplastic tire pollution, green infrastructure or sustainability. Bigger roads mean more cars, greenhouse gases and pollution.

We further take issue with the process that has resulted in a narrow range of project options. Unlike elected officials, state agencies and vendors are not directly accountable to the residents of the city of Chicago. Each alderman represents more than 50,000 residents, we have broad discretion regarding our wards, and we will not let outside parties work against the long-term interests of our residents.

Our understanding is that, while construction on this unfunded multibillion-dollar project is many years away, all options that include significant mass transit elements have been categorically eliminated from consideration by IDOT. DuSable Lake Shore Drive is not a commercial roadway: Trucks are banned, and it is primarily used for passenger vehicle trips.

Modern, reliable mass transit is superior to cars at moving people. Mass transit is the only means of sustainably addressing congestion and should be prioritized accordingly. A new DuSable Lake Shore Drive without a mass transit element is a nonstarter for us.

Our growing coalition includes nearly a dozen aldermen and numerous community organizations. We stand with the members of the Illinois General Assembly who unanimously voted in favor of a resolution sponsored by Rep. Kam Buckner and co-sponsored by all Chicago lakefront representatives who share our positions on DuSable Lake Shore Drive. We look forward to further discussions among stakeholders as we seek a better lakefront for all Chicagoans.

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Herbert Humphrey's lessons from the 1968 DNC

By Julie Leininger Pycior

Anti-war protesters decry a president who is running for reelection: Are we talking Joe Biden in 2024 or Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968? After all, just as demonstrators this spring at campuses across the country demanded that Biden call for a cease-fire in Gaza and cessation of American military support for the offensive there, so in the spring of 1968, demonstrators on campuses across the country called for LBJ to de-escalate the war in Vietnam. No wonder the Democratic National Convention, which will be held in Chicago this summer, evokes recollections of the DNC of 1968. And what images of contention they are: inside the hall, angry heckling of speakers, and outside on the streets, violence (with most of the public blaming the demonstrators, whereas a subsequent government report characterized the altercations as police rioting).



Police officers and anti-war protesters clash in Lincoln Park during the 1968 Democratic National Convention. CHICAGO TRIBUNE FILE

Of course, history doesn't repeat itself. Unlike the situation in 1968, with 500,000 combat troops on the ground in Vietnam, the United States is not conducting the war in Gaza. This may be one reason that today's protests are smaller than those in 1968, and why Biden, unlike LBJ, has not felt the necessity of withdrawing from the presidential contest. But history does rhyme. Like Johnson, the current president faces anti-war demonstrations virtually everywhere he goes, and Biden is headed to a Chicago DNC that inevitably will conjure the ghosts of Chicago '68.

Most of the participants in that historic time have passed from the scene. As it happens, however, one salient witness recently marked his 90th birthday: Bill Moyers. In 1968, Moyers was publisher of the Long Island, New York, newspaper Newsday, having resigned the previous year as the Johnson administration's White House press secretary, disillusioned by the war, among other things.

In June 1968, prior to the Chicago convention in August, Moyers was asked about the presidential contest in a television interview and intimated that the putative Democratic nominee, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, would soon begin to distance himself from the Johnson administration's Vietnam policy. That turned out to be wishful thinking on Moyers' part. We now know of Humphrey's long-standing skepticism about U.S. military involvement in Vietnam, but he raised these questions only inside the White House privately, and despite Johnson's unpopularity, Humphrey felt constrained from breaking with an administration in which he was still serving as the vice president. This constraint would contribute significantly to his narrow defeat to Richard Nixon.

Moyers, for his part, would go on to a broadcast journalism career at CBS and, especially, at PBS, garnering more than 30 Emmys, along with the News and Documentary Emmy Lifetime Achievement Award. His landmark interviews ranged from conversations with presidents (of both parties) and other policymakers to poets and novelists to the Dalai Lama and other spiritual leaders to activists, grassroots organizers and ordinary Americans from many walks of life.

In an interview with Moyers in 1976, Humphrey looked back on the 1968 convention. "I was heartbroken. It was the moment in my life … and all at once it was in total disarray," he recalled. "At least I was able to speak to the convention. That to me was a great testament: to be able to put that convention back together. And I used the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi." Indeed, in his acceptance speech, in offering "words which I think may help heal the wounds, ease the pain and lift our hearts," he quoted the following from that prayer: "Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light." The candidate then added, "I accept your nomination in this spirit."

In that interview with Moyers, the former candidate added an important point about 1968: "You know, I felt that we could put it all together — and we almost did (win)! We almost did!"

Will Biden, if nominated for a second term, pull it off?

The stakes could not be higher. After all, the presumptive Republican nominee, Donald Trump, famously supported the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of his who were attempting to overturn the 2020 election. Ahead of that election, Moyers had anticipated such a scenario, warning that Trump had publicly "declared himself above the law, preached insurrection by encouraging armed supporters to 'liberate' states from the governance of duly elected officials."

As it happens, that prescient Moyers essay was posted on his birthday: June 5, 2020. This birthday gift to us concludes with an urgent call: "Democracy in America has been a series of narrow escapes," he notes. "We may be running out of luck, and no one is coming to save us. For that, we have only ourselves."

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OPINION

Wait, so Jim Crow was a good period for Blacks in America? Could have fooled me



Clarence Page



Rep. Byron Donalds, of Florida, introduces former President Donald Trump at a rally in May in New York. JEENAH MOON/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

'Tis the season for Donald Trump to audition potential running mates while the rest of us speculate on who the lucky winner will be.

The trial by political fire was on full display last week as the entire Democratic Party establishment seemed to rise up and pile on Rep. Byron Donalds of Florida, whom multiple news outlets have put on Trump's short list of possible running mates.

His offense? He expressed what sounded to many ears, including mine, like nostalgia for the bad old days of Jim Crow segregation.

"During Jim Crow the Black family was together," Donalds said during a Black GOP outreach event in Philadelphia on Tuesday, according to Politico. "More Black people were — not just conservative, because Black people always have always been conservative-minded — but more Black people voted conservatively."

He also took a few shots at decades-old poverty-fighting policies from the days of Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson, saying they promoted a culture of dependence, a defining critique for many of today's conservatives.

Not surprisingly, media reports of his remarks were followed by blowback from allies of President Joe Biden, including the Congressional Black Caucus and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York.

"It has come to my attention that a so-called leader has made the factually inaccurate statement that Black folks were better off during Jim Crow," he said in a posting on X, formerly Twitter, of his stinging remarks from the House floor Wednesday.

After listing some of the tragic aspects of that era — from lynching to the suppression of the Black vote — he concluded, "How dare you make such an ignorant observation?"

Devastating. But was he right? Different ears will hear his remarks through their varied experiences.

I'm old enough to remember the last days of Jim Crow as a Black child visiting relatives in the South and, take it from me, we're better off now. I see nothing in the Jim Crow period to which I wish to return.

Yet, I know Donalds is right to extol the conservative values of family, faith and hard work that enabled Black American families to survive and succeed in that period — and the danger of excessive dependency on government programs.

Such dependency is easier to avoid when you also have the jobs and income that come with economic prosperity. (Affordable college tuition quickly comes to mind when I compare my generation with that of my son.)

Studies show there has been a slight closing of the racial income gap but there also has been a persistent class gap that crosses racial lines. I have long called for more attention to be paid to that gap through policies that recognize the economic struggles we all experience, regardless of race.

Unfortunately, some political leaders see short-term gains in using the gap to stir resentments between the classes instead of working together for mutual benefit.

For the young voters now rising, the memories of us old-timers have limited impact. They have concerns of their own that the veteran politicians must address.

That may help to explain why Joe Biden has been losing support among younger African Americans. Polls run by The New York Times and Siena College consistently have found support for Trump among more than 20% of Black voters in six critical battleground states.

That's striking because Trump won only 8% of the Black vote nationally in 2020 and 6% in 2016, according to the Pew Research Center. A Republican presidential candidate has not won more than 12% of the Black vote in nearly half a century.

Those polls were before Trump's conviction on 34 felony counts, and Democrats predict their voters will return to the fold by November.

In the meantime, I am encouraged to see both parties actively competing for the Black vote, which I think is still largely waiting to be energized in the post-Obama era. Choices are what democracy is all about or, at least, should be.

We can do without the nostalgia unless it helps us to deal with the challenges of today's world.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Voters and climate change

The University of Chicago's recent GenForward Survey, which polled the political attitudes of more than 2,000 voters younger than 40, not surprisingly showed that most are concerned about the economy and inflation. What is surprising is that the environment as an issue didn't rate high among those who will be most affected by human-caused climate change in coming decades. Notable is that in this category, the lowest rate of concern was among young Black voters, who are disproportionately affected by heat, flooding and other climate impacts.

One of the reasons for this lack of concern about climate among voters is how issues that are arguably less existentially important are being prioritized by candidates, political parties and the media. For example, immigration wasn't a top issue for voters until the 2016 election, when Donald Trump made it one. And abortion was not a top issue until the religious right took over the GOP in the late 20th century, making it the top "pro-life" issue, even though climate change has killed more worldwide than abortion.

More importantly, climate change should rightly not be a political issue, since it is a scientific fact that will impact the future of all humanity. The fact that the earth is round is not party-dependent, so neither should climate change. Unfortunately, climate change was made political thanks to decades of oil industry lobbying to conservative lawmakers and the spread of disinformation about its existence and connection to fossil fuel emissions. Meanwhile, millions of people have been impacted by climate-driven extreme weather and heat, drought and flooding, famine and disease. And millions more have been affected by climate-related costs for groceries, gasoline, home and health insurance, and taxes to fund emergency response and recovery.

Voters concerned about the economy, young or otherwise, would do well to finally make climate change a top political issue this year — and then elect leaders who take climate change seriously.

— Michael Wright, Glen Rock, Pennsylvania

Illinois' business climate

Opposing the newly enacted Interchange Fee Prohibition Act ("Repeal the ill-considered Interchange Fee Prohibition Act and avoid credit card chaos," June 3), the Tribune Editorial Board notes that the legislation raises "one more barrier to doing business successfully in Illinois, a state already rightly perceived as less than friendly to business."

How unfriendly to business is Illinois? According to the Tax Foundation's State Business Tax Climate Index, Illinois' business tax climate ranks 37th. Neighboring states all best Illinois, ranging from Iowa at 33rd to Missouri at 12th and Indiana at 10th.

Then there's the litigation environment. In 2019, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Legal Reform polled corporate attorneys, and 89% thought that "a state's litigation environment is likely to impact important business decisions at their companies, such as where to locate or to do business." Illinois ranked dead last in the country among states.

Illinois furthermore is among the most regulated states. According to the Mercatus Center, as of 2020, Illinois ranked below only California, New York and Iowa in the number of regulatory restrictions — at more than 270,000.



Climate change activists chant in front of Chase Tower in downtown Chicago during a rally on April 19. CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Any regulation, whether necessary or not, carries compliance cost that must be borne by the regulated entity and/or recovered from its customers or employees.

The unfavorable tax, litigation and regulatory burdens on businesses have almost certainly contributed to Illinois' lackluster economic performance and its higher unemployment rate. For the fourth quarter of 2023, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Illinois' annualized growth in gross domestic product stood at 2.3%, lagging the U.S. rate of 3.4% and even further behind the GDP growth of 4.3% in its neighbors Indiana and Wisconsin.

Illinois also has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate in Illinois for the most recent month was 4.8%, almost a full percentage point behind the 3.9% rate for the entire U.S. and even further behind Indiana (3.6%) and Wisconsin (2.9%). Only Washington, Nevada, California and the District of Columbia had higher unemployment rates than Illinois.

In this context, yet another burden on business as represented by this interchange fee legislation? As a well-known Washington octogenarian has been known to say, "C'mon, man."

— Bob Foys, Chicago

Credit card industry wrong

While the credit card industry claims the sky is falling at any hint of regulation, it was disappointing to see the Tribune Editorial Board accept such unfounded speculation in a recent editorial. The legislation in question represents a commonsense approach. It merely says that retailers in Illinois shouldn't be charged swipe fees on money that isn't theirs — that is, tax amounts and tips for employees. Currently, because of processing fees, retailers have to reach into their own pockets to pay tips and taxes that are supposed to go directly to employees or the state.

Credit card industry arguments of pending doom simply ignore the intentional way the legislation was written. It clearly provides that fees on taxes and tips can be excluded at the time of the transaction or through reimbursement up to six months after the fact. This was done because the credit card industry already does after-the-fact reimbursement of billions of dollars on credit card transactions every year, and sometimes, those take as long as six months to complete.

There will be no need for two swipes of a card or any other imagined problems that the credit card industry conjures.

Frankly, the doomsaying is part of a pattern. When the Durbin Amendment regulating debit card swipe fees became law in the aftermath of the financial crisis, the credit card industry claimed small banks would go out of business, banks would impose monthly surcharges on bank accounts and free checking would go away.

The actual experience, however, was that small banks gained market share, banks did not impose the surcharges that the industry threatened and free checking increased.

The criticisms are every bit as wrong now as they were then.

— Josh Sharp, CEO, Illinois Fuel and Retail Association

History runs counter to claims

Recently, Dorval Carter Jr., head of the CTA, and the Rev. Ira Acree, chosen by Mayor Brandon Johnson to serve on the Regional Transportation Authority board, said criticism directed at them stemmed from racism aimed at Black men in power. Acree said "opponents of African American empowerment" do not want him elevated to the RTA board, and Carter proclaimed that "this city has a history of attacking and trying to bring down their African American leaders."

Public statements like these dispute Chicago's rich history of having three elected Black mayors, including our current one; a Black Cook County Board president; and a Black Chicago Police Department superintendent. And it further belies this city's legacy in producing famous black Americans such as Barack Obama, Michael Jordan, Oprah Winfrey and John Rogers.

It is unclear to me what role Carter and Acree believe is unachievable based on their race, as evidenced by these esteemed individuals. This narrative also further perpetuates a powerlessness to Chicago's minority youth when the truth is Chicagoans of all races can achieve any position.

— Kevin Sussman, Chicago

CTA president's deflections

It is almost amusing to see yet another race card played by a Black politician in this town. The fact that the guy playing it has been criticized by minority CTA riders holds no water for CTA President Dorval Carter Jr. or his few defenders. The fact that the past and extant problems have been well documented and go back to three mayors proves their veracity and the lack of progress in dealing with them.

Carter had to be nearly dragged kicking and screaming to even speak to the City Council about myriad CTA problems during Mayor Lori Lightfoot's time as mayor.

Only our current mayor, a race card player himself, and a few aldermen defend Carter. It's long past time for new blood at the top.

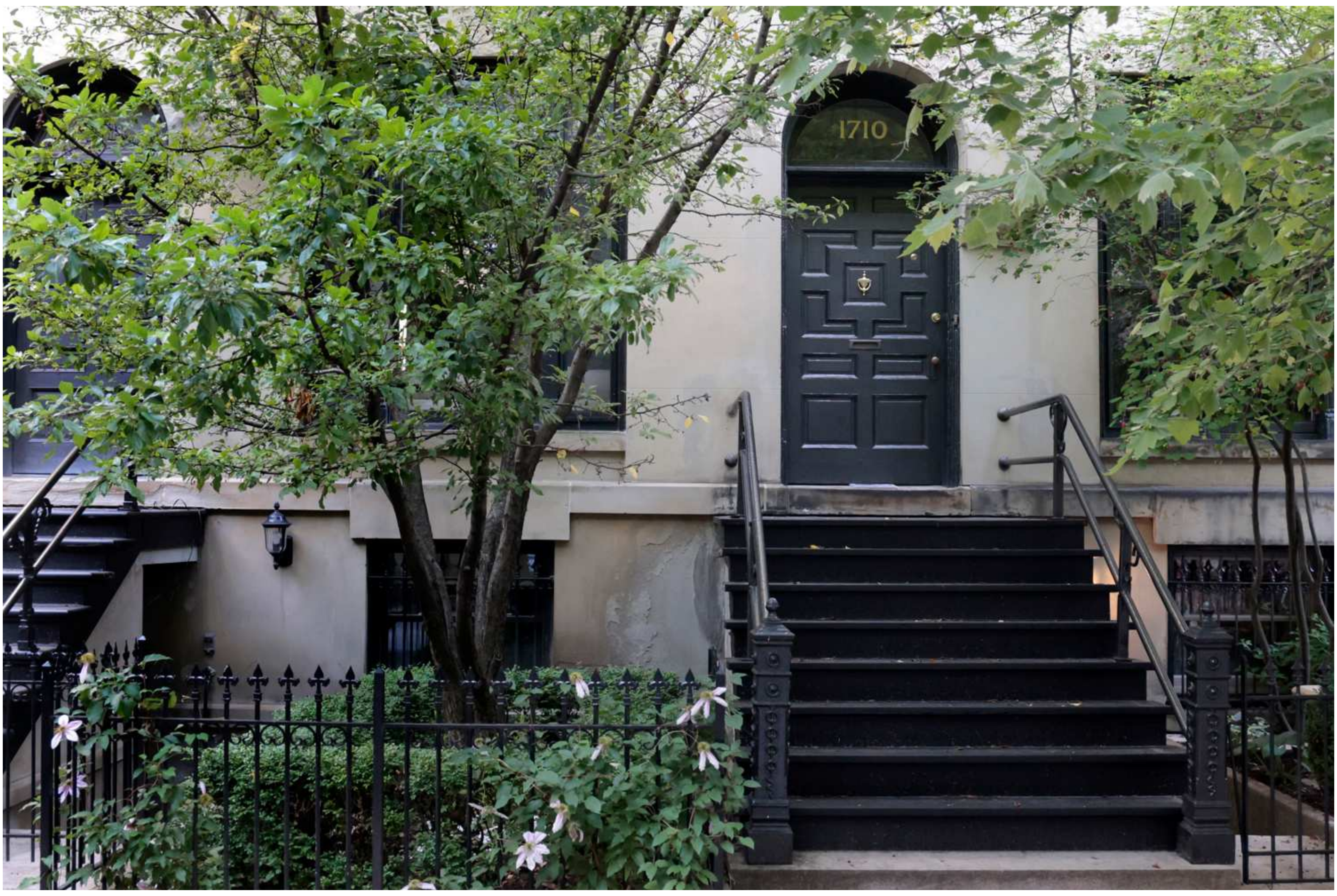
Carter will leave with an inflated pension and a far from enviable track record.

— Tom Sharp, Chicago

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Breaking history since 1847



In the mid-1920s, Henry Gerber lived at 1710 N. Crilly Court in Chicago, which is on the National Historic Register. Gerber founded the Society for Human Rights, the first gay rights organization in the country. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

BIRTH OF A MOVEMENT

Country's first documented gay rights organization started 100 years ago in Old Town

By Ron Grossman | Chicago Tribune

A century ago, Henry Gerber founded America's first documented gay rights organization in a boardinghouse at 1710 N. Crilly Court in Chicago.

It was once part of a complex of townhouses built for well-heeled newlyweds. Today it sits amid Old Town's mix of high-rise condos and renovated brownstones.

A plaque in the sidewalk outside the building where he lived on the second floor notes it is a Chicago landmark, explaining that the home was where Gerber wrote at least the first of the two published issues of "Friendship and Freedom," the first documented gay periodical in America.

But in his day, Gerber's neighbors were society's outcasts. Prostitutes worked in rooms on either wing of Crilly Court. Being off the beaten path was fine with him. He didn't want his address to be generally known.



A historic marker shows Crilly Court on the block where the Henry Gerber House is located, at 1710 N. Crilly Court in Chicago. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



Gerber

Gerber didn't hold meetings of the Society for Human Rights in his rented room. He and his handful of followers gathered in the basement of the Crilly Court building. It had direct exits to the outside. Gays could come and go without running a gauntlet of neighbors' eyes. Even so, many were reluctant to attend.

"One of our greatest handicaps was the knowledge that homosexuals don't organize," Gerber wrote in 1962. "Being thoroughly cowed, they seldom get together."

Gays were despised for simply being different, and that hostility was written into law. Homosexuals faced being committed to a mental asylum or jail time.

Gerber explained the objective of his gay rights organization was to "promote and protect the interests of people who by reason of mental or physical abnormalities are abused and hindered in the legal pursuit of happiness, which is guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence, and to combat the public prejudices against them by distributing the factors according to modern science among intellectuals of mature age."

In fact, American psychiatry considered homosexuality a mental disorder for decades thereafter. Gerber's optimism was acquired at one of the stopping places on the bumpy road to acceptance of his sexuality.

Born in Germany, Gerber immigrated to the United States in 1913. "I had no idea that I was a homosexual," Gerber later said.

He had limited sexual experience as a boy and subsequently more complex encounters in Chicago. He and his sister settled there, following the lead of a family friend. Gerber found his way to Washington Square Park, a meeting place for gays adjacent to the Newberry Library.

Gerber was at some point committed to an insane asylum because of his homosexuality. Released after a year, but fearing another incarceration, he volunteered for military service. He was assigned to an Army unit occupying Germany after its defeat in World War I.

On leave, Gerber went to Berlin where attitudes toward homosexuality were relatively liberal and, as Gerber's biographer Jim Elledge wrote, "Das Lilia Liede," was heard in myriad hot spots. "The Lavender Song," the first gay anthem, was also available as a phonograph record. Erotic magazines were displayed on newsstands that the police would have confiscated in the United States.

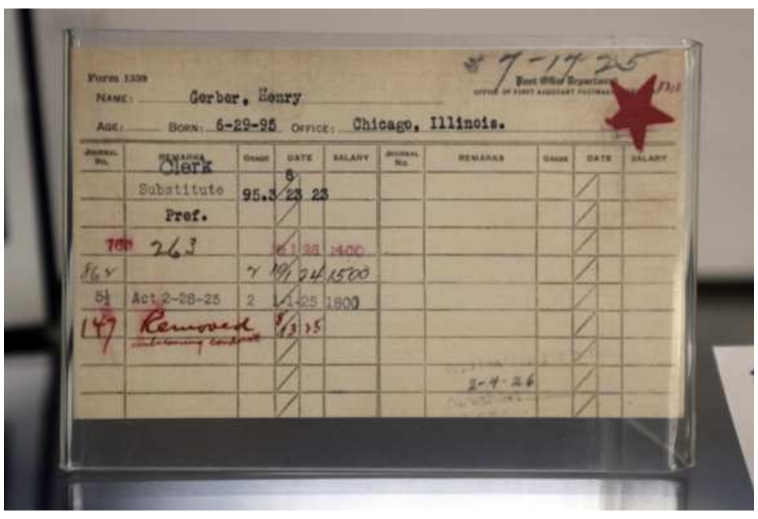
Berlin was also the site of Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld's Scientific-Humanitarian Committee. Profoundly affected by the 1895 trial of Oscar Wilde, a gay English dramatist, Hirschfeld began to specialize in human sexuality. Gay himself, he campaigned for the legalization of homosexuality.

"Please tell the public everything about us," a gay man pressured to marry wrote to Hirschfeld just before committing suicide.

Reflecting on what he experienced in Germany, Gerber wrote: "I had always bitterly felt the injustice with which my own American society accused the homosexual of 'immoral acts.' What could be done about it, I thought."

Discharged from the Army in 1923, he returned to Chicago determined to form a gay rights organization like Hirschfeld's. Getting it incorporated was problematic. The legal papers required a statement of purpose, and its purpose collided head-on with homosexuality's illegality.

On the advice of a liberal-minded lawyer, the application included the clause: "The Society stands only for law and order," its officers swore, "and does in no manner recommend any acts in violation of present laws nor advocate any matter inimical to the public welfare."



A card noting Gerber's removal from employment with the US Post Office is on display at the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives in Chicago. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2022**

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One of the initial issues was whether the society should be a purely homosexual organization and "exclude the much larger circle of bisexuals?" Elledge, Gerber's biographer, wrote in "An Angel in Sodom."

But the issue of bisexuals, who often had a traditional wife and family while secretly living a gay life, and how they might endanger the organization presented itself not too long after Gerber founded his organization.

On July 11, 1925, he heard a loud pounding on the door of the apartment at 34 E. Oak St., where he had moved from Crilly Court.

"Where's the boy?" a detective shouted when Gerber opened the door. He was alone. The detective was accompanied by a couple of uniformed officers and a reporter from the Chicago American, a Hearst newspaper. The officers found the organization's files and arrested Gerber.

The following day's headline in the paper announced: "Girl Reveals Strange Cult Run By Dad."

The accompanying story identified the girl as the 12-year-old daughter of Al Meininger, president of the Society for Human Rights. She reportedly had asked an officer at the Chicago Avenue police station, "why her father carried on so." Men visited afternoon and night, and engaged in "strange rites."

Police were sent to the Meininger apartment at 532 N. Dearborn St. Pushing through the door, they arrested Meininger. The Chicago American's story might have been hyped up, as Hearst-owned papers were known to cross the line between fact and fiction.

Meininger's wife had complained to a social worker about his homosexual activities. Meininger and Gerber met in the police station's cells. Gerber was furious at hearing that the social worker was going to include him in her testimony.

The newspaper article got him fired from his job as a postal worker. Meininger's indiscretion also brought down Gerber's gay rights organization. Gerber refused to speak to Meininger.

After paying a $10 fine for disorderly conduct, Gerber left Chicago for New York. Intermittently he resumed his activism. But in a 1945 letter to a veteran of his movement, Gerber wrote: It is "your and my misfortune to have been born 1,000 years too soon or 1,000 years too late."

At 52, Gerber reenlisted in the Army hoping to get increased retirement benefits. He spent the remainder of his years in the U.S. Soldiers Home in Washington, D.C.

On New Year's Eve of 1972, Gerber died at age 80 in the home's hospital and was buried in the cemetery there. His passing went unnoted in the gay rights community.

Except perhaps by a member of the staff of One Magazine, to which Gerber subscribed.

His letter to Gerber was returned to him by the Soldiers Home. Its envelope was stamped "DECEASED."

NATION & WORLD

Israeli raids free 4 captives in Gaza

Hospital official says heavy assault kills at least 210 Palestinians

By Wafaa Shurafa, Sam Mednick and Jack Jeffrey
Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Israel on Saturday carried out its largest hostage rescue operation since the latest war with Hamas began, taking four to safety out of central Gaza amid the military's heavy air and ground assault.

At least 210 dead Palestinians were brought to local hospitals, a health official said.

Israelis were jubilant as the army said it freed Noa Argamani, 26; Almog Meir Jan, 22; Andrey Kozlov, 27; and Shlomi Ziv, 41, in a daytime operation in the heart of Nuseirat, raiding two locations at once while under fire. All were well, the military said. They were taken by helicopter for medical checks and tearful reunions with loved ones after 246 days held.

Argamani had been one of the most widely recognized hostages after being taken, like the three others, from a music festival. The video of her abduction showed her seated between two men on a motorcycle as she screamed, "Don't kill me!"

Her mother, Liora, has brain cancer and had released a video pleading to see her daughter. Israel's Channel 13 said Argamani was moved to the hospital where her mother is treated. In a message released by the government, Argamani told Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu she was "very excited," saying she hadn't heard Hebrew in so long.



Almog Meir Jan, 22, celebrates freedom Saturday as he arrives at a medical center in Ramat Gan, Israel. TOMER APPELBAUM/AP



Argamani



Kozlov



Ziv

Netanyahu vowed to continue the fighting until all hostages are freed.

Israeli aircraft hummed overhead as the bodies of 109 Palestinians, including 23 children and 11 women, were taken to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, where spokesperson Khalil Degran said more than 100 wounded also arrived. He said that overall, 210 dead had been taken there and to Al-Awda Hospital, saying he had spoken to the director there. Al-Awda's numbers couldn't immediately be confirmed.

"The horrific massacre committed today by Netanyahu and his fascist government against the Palestinian people in Gaza ... confirms what the resistance has said repeatedly: that Netanyahu doesn't plan to reach an agreement to stop the war and free the captured Israelis peacefully," said Bassem Naim, a senior Hamas official now based in Lebanon.

Neighboring Egypt condemned "with the strongest terms" Israel's attacks on the Nuseirat refugee camp, with its foreign ministry calling it a "flagrant violation of all rules of international law."

Neighboring Jordan also condemned it.

"The bloodbath must end immediately," the European Union's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said on the social platform X.

Israel's military said it had attacked "threats to our forces in the area," adding that one commando died.

Israel's military spokesman, Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, told reporters that military intelligence determined some time ago that the hostages were being held in two apartments, about 220 yards away from each other, in the heart of the Nuseirat camp. He said the forces had trained repeatedly on a model of the apartment buildings.

Hagari said the forces moved in simultaneously on both apartments, believing this ensured the best element of surprise. But he said the rescuers came under heavy fire as they moved out, including from gunmen firing rocket-propelled grenades from within the neighborhood.

"A lot of fire was around us," he said, adding that the military responded with heavy force, including from aircraft, to extract the rescuers and freed hostages.

A U.S. hostage cell provided advice and support throughout the process of locating and rescuing the hostages, according to a Biden administration official, who was not authorized to comment and requested anonymity. The hostage cells are multi-agency teams.

Hamas took some 250 hostages during the Oct. 7 attack that killed about 1,200 people. About half were released in a weeklong cease-fire in November. About 120 hostages remain, with 43 pronounced dead. Survivors include about 15 women, two children under 5 and two men in their 80s.

Saturday's operation brought the total number of rescued hostages to seven. Two were freed in February and one was freed in the aftermath of the October attack. Israeli troops have recovered the bodies of at least 16 others.

The latest rescue lifted some spirits in Israel as divisions deepen over the best way to bring hostages home.

Many Israelis urge Netanyahu to embrace a cease-fire deal President Joe Biden announced last month, but far-right allies threaten to collapse his government if he does.

Netanyahu rushed to the hospital to greet the freed hostages. But thousands of Israelis again gathered for the latest anti-government demonstration and calls for a cease-fire deal to bring all hostages home.

International pressure is mounting on Israel to limit civilian bloodshed in its war in Gaza, which reached its eighth month Friday with more than 36,700 Palestinians killed, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between fighters and civilians.

Meanwhile, Benny Gantz, a popular centrist member of Israel's three-member War Cabinet who had threatened to resign from the government if it didn't adopt a new plan by Saturday for the war in Gaza, postponed an expected announcement.

Netanyahu urged him not to step down.

UN to put Israel, Hamas on list risking kids' rights

Security Council will then decide whether some action needed

By Michael Weissenstein
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. secretary-general will tell the Security Council this week that both Israel and Hamas are violating children's rights and leaving them exposed to danger in their war to eliminate each other.

The secretary-general annually makes a global list of states and militias that are menacing children and threatening them. Parties on the list have ranged from the Kachin Independence Army in Myanmar to Russia during its war with Ukraine.

Now Israel is set to join them.

António Guterres sends the list to the Security Council and the council can then decide whether to take action. The United States is one of five veto-wielding permanent council members and has been reluctant to act against Israel, its longtime ally.

Another permanent member is Russia, and when the United Nations put Russian forces on its blacklist last year for killing boys and girls and attacking schools and hospitals in Ukraine, the council took no action.

The inclusion of Israel this month will likely put more of a global spotlight on the country's conduct of the war in Gaza and increase tensions in its relationship with the global body.

The preface of last year's U.N. report says it lists parties engaged in "the killing and maiming of children, rape and other forms of sexual violence perpetrated against children, attacks on schools, hospitals and protected persons."

The head of Guterres' office called Israel's U.N. ambassador, Gilad Erdan, on Friday to inform him that Israel would be in the report when it is sent to the council this week, U.N. spokesman Stéphane Dujarric said.

The militant Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad groups will also be listed.

Israel reacted with outrage, sending news organizations a video of Erdan berating the head of Guterres' office — supposedly on the other end of a call — and posting it on X.

"Hamas will continue even more to use schools and hospitals because this shameful decision of the secretary-general will only give Hamas hope to survive and extend the war and extend the suffering," Erdan wrote in a statement. "Shame on him!"

The Palestinian U.N. ambassador said that adding Israel to the " 'list of shame' will not bring back tens of thousands of our children who were killed by Israel over decades."

"But it is an important step in the right direction," Riyad Mansour wrote in a statement.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said "the U.N. put itself on the black list of history today" as the move heightened the long-running feud between Israel and the U.N. and even the routine mechanics of Israel's dealings with the world body are now fraught with tensions.

The normally equanimous Dujarric broke from the good-natured tone of his briefing when asked about the latest development.

"The call was a courtesy afforded to countries that are newly listed on the annex of the report," Dujarric said. "The partial release of that recording on Twitter is shocking and unacceptable and frankly, something I've never seen in my 24 years serving this organization."



Children ride with belongings atop a donkey-drawn cart with other displaced people fleeing the eastern parts of Deir el-Balah on Saturday in the Gaza Strip. EYAD BABA/GETTY-AFP

Condemnation of the secretary-general's decision appeared to bring together Israel's increasingly fractious leadership — from the right-wing Netanyahu and Erdan to the popular centrist member of the War Cabinet, Benny Gantz.

Gantz cited Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, as saying "it matter not what say the goyim (non-Jews), what is important is what do the Jews."

For months Israel has faced heavy international criticism over civilian casualties in Gaza and questions about whether it has done enough to prevent them in the war. Two recent airstrikes in Gaza killed dozens of civilians.

U.N. agencies warned Wednesday that over 1 million Palestinians in Gaza could experience the highest level of starvation by the middle of next month if hostilities continue.

The World Food Program and the Food and Agriculture Organization said in a joint report that hunger is worsening because of heavy restrictions on humanitarian access and the collapse of the local food system.

The proportion of Palestinian women and children being killed in the Israel-Hamas war appears to have declined sharply, an analysis by The Associated Press of Gaza Health Ministry data has found.

The trend is significant because the death rate for women and children is the best available proxy for civilian casualties in one of the 21st century's most destructive conflicts. Yet the shift went unnoticed for months by the U.N. and much of the media, and the Hamas-linked Health Ministry has made no effort to set the record straight.



Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen is seen Thursday at a ceremony in Normandy. JEREMIAS GONZALEZ/AP

Danish prime minister suffers minor whiplash in assault

By Jan M. Olsen
Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — The Danish prime minister suffered minor whiplash but is otherwise fine after a man assaulted her in central Copenhagen, her office said in a statement Saturday.

Police confirmed on the social platform X on Friday that "there has been an incident" with Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen and that a 39-year-old man was arrested.

Frederiksen, 46, was rushed to a hospital for a check-up soon after, and though unharmed, she was "shaken by the incident," according to her office, adding that she has canceled her program for the day to rest.

The suspect appeared in a pretrial custody hearing Saturday afternoon at the Copenhagen District Court in Frederiksberg, a municipality enclave within the Danish capital.

Citing details of the court hearing, Danish public broadcaster DR reported that the man is a Polish citizen residing in Denmark since 2019. He was ordered by a judge to be jailed until June 20 pending police investigation. The man is charged with violence against a person in public service.

Local media reported that the man seems to have forcefully walked toward Frederiksen and pushed her hard while she was passing Kultorvet Square, one of Copenhagen's main piazzas.

Following initial investigation, police believe the suspect hit the prime minister with a clenched fist on her right upper arm.

Frederiksen has been campaigning with the Social Democrats' EU lead candidate, Christel Schaldemose.

Frederiksen is the leader of the Social Democratic Party and has been Denmark's prime minister since 2019.

Violence against politicians has become a theme in the run-up to the EU elections. In May, a candidate from Germany's center-left Social Democrats was beaten and seriously injured while campaigning for a seat in the European Parliament.

In Slovakia, the election campaign was overshadowed by an attempt to assassinate populist Prime Minister Robert Fico on May 15, sending shockwaves through the nation of 5.4 million and reverberating throughout Europe.

ELECTION 2024

Certifying vote reemerges as issue

Disputes in handful of states spark fears ahead of Nov. race

By Nicholas Riccardi and Joey Cappelletti
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A protester makes his presence known Nov. 28, 2022, outside the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors auditorium before a general election canvass meeting in Phoenix. Attorneys are bracing for more election certification fights this year. MATT YORK/AP

In Michigan's Upper Peninsula, two Republican members of a county canvassing board last month refused to sign off on the results of an election that led to the recall of three GOP members of the county commission. They did so only after state officials warned them it was their legal duty to record the final vote tally.

In Georgia's Fulton County, which includes the Democratic-voting city of Atlanta, a group run by members of former President Donald Trump's administration last month sued so a Republican member of the local elections board could refuse to certify the results of the primary election.

And in Arizona, GOP lawmakers sued to reverse the state's top Democratic officials' requirement that local boards automatically validate their election results.

The past four years have been filled with battles over all sorts of election arcana, including one that had long been regarded as an administrative afterthought — little-known state and local boards certifying the results. With the presidential election looming in November, attorneys are gearing up for yet more fights over election certification, especially in the swing states where the victory margins are expected to be tight. Even if those efforts ultimately fail, election officials worry they'll become a vehicle for promoting bogus election claims.

Trump and his allies have tried to use the tactic to stop election results from being made final if they lose.

In 2020, two Republicans on Michigan's state board of canvassers, which must certify ballot totals before state officials can declare a winner, briefly balked at signing off before one relented and became the decisive vote. Trump had cheered the delay as part of his push to overturn his loss that ultimately culminated in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

During the 2022 midterms, some conservative, rural counties tried to hold up their state election results, citing the same debunked claims of voter fraud that Trump has made.

In New Mexico, rural county supervisors refused to certify the state's primary vote until they were threatened with prosecution.

In Cochise County in southeastern Arizona, two Republican supervisors who refused to certify the local vote totals said they had no doubt their own county's tally was accurate but were protesting the counts in other counties that gave Democratic candidates for governor, attorney general and secretary of state their victories.

Responding to the certification controversies, Michigan's Democratic-led Legislature passed a law making clear that state and local canvassing boards must certify election totals. The two Arizona county supervisors are facing criminal charges filed by the state's Democratic attorney general.

Democrats and nonpartisan groups say the thousands of local election oversight boards across the country aren't the place to contest ballot counts, and that state laws make clear they have no leeway on whether to sign off on their staff's final tallies.

"Election authorities don't have the discretion to reject the results of an election because of their vibes," said Jonathan Diaz of the Campaign Legal Center, adding that lawsuits and recounts are the proper recourse. "They're there to perform a function. They're there to certify."

But some Republicans argue that's going too far.

Kory Langhofer, the attorney suing to overturn the election procedures manual's directive in Arizona that was issued by the Democratic attorney general and secretary of state, said he didn't support the effort to block certification in Cochise County in 2022. But, he argued, locally elected boards of supervisors have to have some discretion to police elections.

"It seems to me the system is stronger when you have multiple eyes on it," Langhofer said.

Of the efforts to block certification in 2020 and 2022, he added, "I hope that's behind us."

Democrats doubt that's the case.

They note that the America First Policy Institute, a pro-Trump organization run by former officials from his administration, filed the lawsuit in Georgia to let Fulton County Elections Board member Julie Adams vote against certifying elections. Adams' four other board members voted to certify last month's primary but Adams abstained, contending she couldn't accept the results given prior election administration problems in the county.

"This action will reestablish the role of board members as the ultimate parties responsible for ensuring elections in Fulton County are free from fraud, deceit, and abuse," the institute wrote in its release announcing the lawsuit.

Fulton County is the heart of the Democratic vote in Georgia, and anything that holds up its totals in November could help make it look like Trump has a large lead in the state.

"Trump and MAGA Republicans have made it clear they are planning to try to block certification of November's election when they are defeated again, and this is a transparent attempt to set the stage for that fight," Georgia Democratic Party chair and Rep. Nikema Williams said.

In Michigan's Delta County, clerk Nancy Przewrocki, a Republican, said the two GOP canvassers had requested a hand recount of the votes, which is beyond the scope of their position. The canvassers eventually voted to certify the May election after receiving a letter from the State Elections Director Jonathan Brater, which warned them of the consequences of failing to certify.

Still, Przewrocki said she's concerned about what could happen in November if a similar situation arises. "I can see this escalating, unfortunately. I'm trying to keep our voters confident in our voting equipment, and this is completely undermining it when there's really nothing there," she said.

Following the Delta County incident, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Attorney General Dana Nessel, both Democrats, issued a reminder to local canvassing boards throughout the state warning them of their legal obligation to certify election results based solely on vote returns.

If they don't, there will be "swift action to ensure the legal certification of election results," along with "possible civil and criminal charges against those members for their actions," Benson warned.



Harold Terens, 100, left, and Jeanne Swerlin, 96, arrive to celebrate their wedding Saturday at the town hall of Carentan-les-Marais in Normandy, France. JEREMIAS GONZALEZ/AP

At 100, WWII veteran finds love close to D-Day beaches

By John Leicester
Associated Press

CARENTAN-LES-MARAIS, France — Together, the collective age of the bride and groom was nearly 200. But World War II veteran Harold Terens and his sweetheart, Jeanne Swerlin, proved that love is eternal as they tied the knot Saturday inland of the D-Day beaches in Normandy, France.

Their respective ages — he's 100, she's a youngster of just 96 — made their nuptials an almost double-century celebration.

Terens called it "the best day of my life."

On her way into the nuptials, the bride-to-be said: "It's not just for young people, love, you know? We get butterflies. And we get a little action, also."

The location was the elegant stone-worked town hall of Carentan, a key initial D-Day objective that saw ferocious fighting after the June 6, 1944, Allied landings that helped rid Europe of Adolf Hitler's tyranny.

Terens first visited France as a 20-year-old U.S. Army Air Forces corporal shortly after D-Day.

Like other towns and villages across the Normandy coast where nearly 160,000 Allied troops came ashore under fire on five code-named beaches, it's an effervescent hub of remembrance and celebration on the 80th anniversary of the deeds and sacrifices of young men and women that day, festooned with flags and bunting and with veterans feted like rock stars.

As the swing of Glenn Miller and other period tunes rang out on the streets, well-wishers — some in WWII-period clothes — were already lined up a good hour before the wedding, behind barriers outside the town hall, with a rousing pipe and drum band also on hand to serenade the happy couple.

After both declaring "oui" to vows read by Carentan's mayor in English, the couple exchanged rings.

Later, with Champagne flutes in hand, they waved through an open window to the adoring crowds outside.

"To everybody's good health. And to peace in the world and the preservation of democracy all over the world and the end of the war in Ukraine and Gaza," Terens said as he and his bride clinked glasses.

And they had a special party Saturday night: They attended a state dinner at the Élysée Palace in Paris with President Emmanuel Macron and U.S. President Joe Biden.

The wedding was symbolic, not binding. Mayor Jean-Pierre Lhonneur's office said he wasn't empowered to wed foreigners who aren't residents of Carentan, and that the couple, who are American, hadn't requested legally binding vows. However, they could always complete those formalities back in Florida.

Lhonneur likes to say that Normandy is practically the 51st state of the U.S., given its reverence and gratitude for Allied soldiers and the sacrifices of tens of thousands who never made it home from the Battle of Normandy.

"Love is eternal, yes, maybe," the mayor said, referring to the newlyweds, although his comments also describe the feelings of many Normans for veterans. "I hope for them the best happiness together."

Confident far right pushing to make gains in EU elections

By Giada Zampano, Karel Janicek and Raf Casert
Associated Press



Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni casts her vote for the European Parliament elections Saturday in Rome. Results are expected Sunday night. MAURO SCROBOGNA/LAPRESSE

ROME — Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni joined voters in Italy and a half-dozen European Union nations in casting a ballot during the penultimate day of European Union parliamentary elections Saturday. The bloc's premier hard-right politician threw down the gauntlet to the traditional center parties, telling them their time to run the EU as they liked was up.

Populist and far-right parties were looking to make gains across the 27-member bloc in the wake of the strong showing by Geert Wilders in the Netherlands on Thursday.

And Meloni, the leading hard-right politician governing a key founding nation of the bloc, left no doubt about what was at stake when she went to vote in her suburban neighborhood in Rome.

"This vote will decide our next five years," she said, echoing her campaign theme that time had come to pull back powers to national capitals and curtail the reach of the EU institutions that have been dominated by Christian Democrat, Socialist and pro-business Liberal politicians.

As the third most populous nation in the bloc, Italy wields considerable influence. It will send 76 legislators to the 720-seat parliament, which has extended its powers in recent years.

Only Germany and France, which vote Sunday, have more seats.

At the same time, the election campaign was tainted by violence.

In Slovakia, the election was overshadowed by an attempt to assassinate populist Prime Minister Robert Fico on May 15, sending shockwaves through the nation of 5.4 million and reverberating throughout Europe.

Analysts say the attack could boost the chances of the premier's leftist Smer (Direction) party, the senior partner in the governing coalition, to win the vote.

And in Denmark it was Prime Minister Mette Fredriksen who called off her last day of campaigning across the country after suffering whiplash when she was assaulted Friday in Copenhagen.

Fico, who took office last fall after campaigning on a pro-Russian and anti-American platform, has been recovering from multiple wounds after being shot in the abdomen as he greeted supporters in the town of Handlova.

He recovered in time to address the nation in a prerecorded video, his first public statement since the attack, just hours before the start of the preelection silence period Wednesday. He attacked the European Union, suggesting he was a victim because of his views that differ sharply from the EU's mainstream.

Fico opposes support for Ukraine in its war against Russia's full-scale invasion. He ended Slovakia's military aid for Ukraine after his coalition government was sworn in Oct. 25. He also opposes EU sanctions on Russia and wants to block Ukraine from joining NATO.

The whole EU campaign has been cast in the light of the center and left forces seeking to hold off a surge of the far right Sunday and in a fight between those who seek closer EU unity with greater powers against those like Fico, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and Meloni who seek to swing the pendulum back to the member states themselves.

EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, who hopes to use Sunday's results as a launchpad for a second term at the head of the EU, has especially been stressing the respect for the rule of law as a quintessential requirement for those seeking power.

Voters in Latvia, Malta and the Czech Republic were also casting ballots Saturday.

Final results will not be released until Sunday night, once every country has voted.

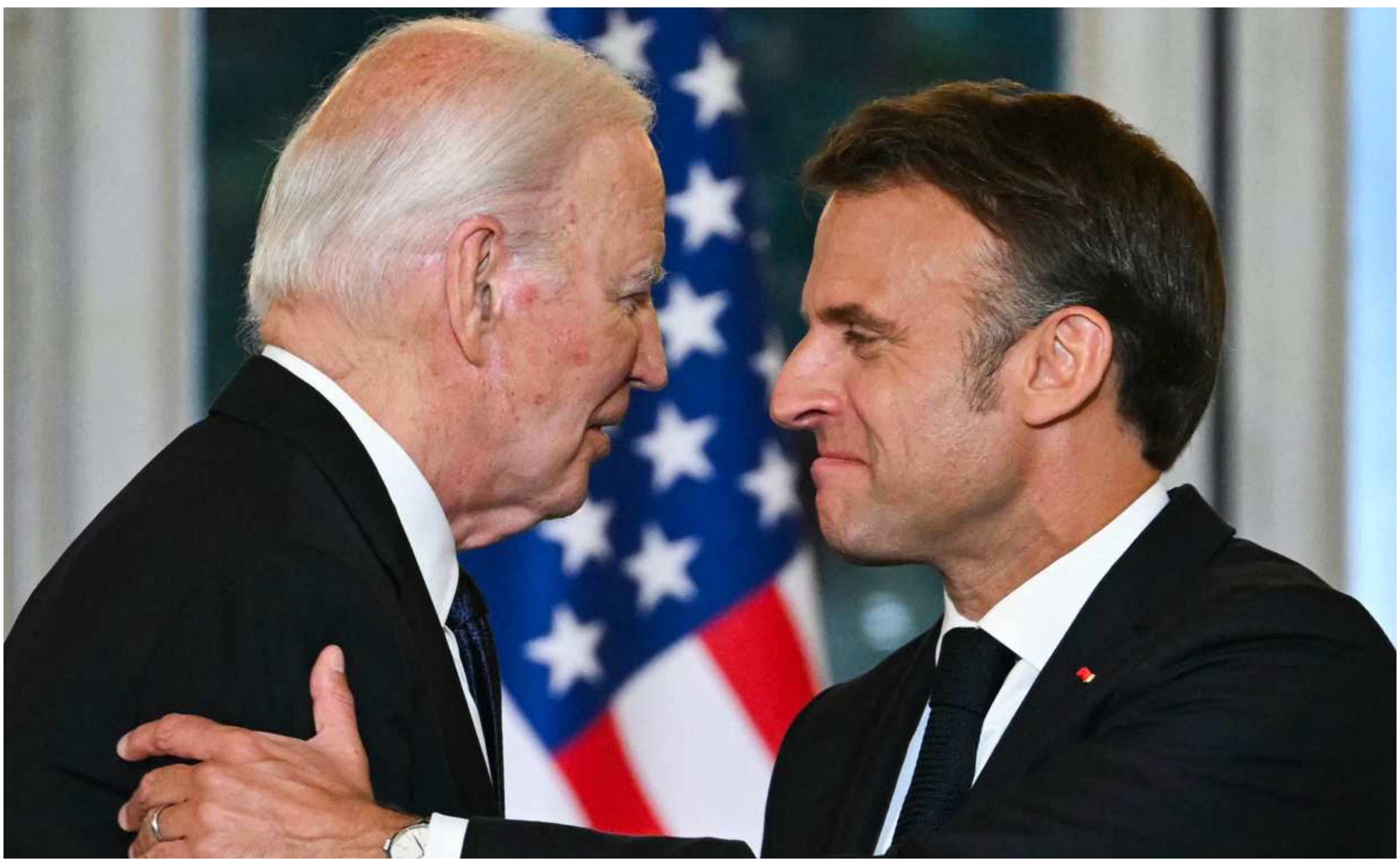
The main voting day is Sunday, with citizens in 20 European countries, including Germany, France and Poland, casting their ballots for the 720-seat European Parliament.

Seats are allocated based on population, ranging from six in Malta or Luxembourg to 96 in Germany.

Biden calls France 'our first friend'

Leaders pay tribute to united alliance at state dinner in Paris

By Chris Megerian, Zeke Miller and Sylvie Corbet
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France's Emmanuel Macron, right, hosts President Joe Biden on Saturday at Élysée Palace in Paris. SAUL LOEB/GETTY-AFP

PARIS — President Joe Biden said France was America's "first friend" at its founding and is one of its closest allies more than two centuries later as he was honored with a state visit Saturday by French President Emmanuel Macron aimed at showing off their partnership on global security issues and easing past trade tensions.

"United we stand, divided we fall," Macron said in toasting Biden at a state dinner. "Allied we are and allied we will stay."

Biden and Macron attended ceremonies marking the 80th anniversary of D-Day on Thursday and met separately the following day with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Paris.

The leaders both used those engagements to underscore the urgent need to support Kyiv's fight against Russia's invasion.

But Macron and Biden have often chafed at the pace of support for Ukraine, especially as the United States, by far the largest contributor to Kyiv's defense, was forced to pause aid shipments for months while congressional Republicans held up an assistance package.

The state visit began Saturday with a ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe, including a wreath-laying at France's tomb of the unknown soldier, and a military parade along the Champs-Élysées leading to the Élysée Palace, where the two held official meetings and delivered public statements.

Macron and his wife, Brigitte Macron, hosted the state dinner at the palace for Biden and his wife, Jill.

Biden followed Macron's toast by saying the U.S. and France have been "unyielding as well as unwavering in our partnership," adding, "That's what democracies do."

Biden and Macron put the war in Ukraine at the top of Saturday's agenda, but it was the strength of the countries' long alliance, fortified at Normandy 80 years ago but with roots far deeper, that was the centerpiece of the weekend.

Calling himself a student of French history, Biden said the visit was a "great honor" and he noted that America's ties to France date to the Revolutionary War.

"France was our first friend," Biden said. "It remains one of our best friends."

Macron praised Biden as not just the leader of a world power but also for bringing the "clarity and loyalty of a partner that loves and respects the Europeans."

It appeared to be a subtle criticism of former President Donald Trump, whose "America First" foreign policy has shaken European leaders. They are now contending, gingerly, with the possibility of his return to power next year should the presumptive Republican nominee defeat the Democratic incumbent in November's election.

Later, in a statement of principles that the presidents called a road map, they cited the legacy of the U.S.-French relationship and "the price for peace and freedom" paid by past generations in reaffirming their commitment to "a Europe whole, free and at peace."

Macron hosted Trump for Bastille Day in 2017, and the French president came to Washington for a state visit in 2018 before their relationship soured.

Despite disagreements over whether to send allied trainers onto Ukrainian soil to support the country's defense against Russia's invasion, Macron insisted that, "I think we see eye to eye on this war raging in Ukraine." He tempered his previous concerns about U.S. commitment to Europe — which he has used to argue that the continent must do more to provide for its own defense — to praise Biden's leadership: "Thank you for being at Europe's side."

Macron expressed hope that when the Group of Seven leaders meet this coming week in Italy they will agree to a $50 billion "solidarity fund" for Ukraine that will be backed by sanctioned Russian assets.

The two leaders also celebrated the rescue Saturday by Israeli forces of four hostages taken by Hamas.

"We won't stop working until all the hostages come home and a ceasefire is reached," Biden said as Macron called out the Israeli government for not doing more to get humanitarian assistance into Gaza.

Macron said he supported a Biden-promoted cease-fire proposal that would allow a surge of humanitarian assistance into the territory and allow for the release of more hostages.

The United States has said it is awaiting Hamas' formal response to the potential deal.

The French leader raised the issue of U.S. trade practices that he has often criticized, including the Inflation Reduction Act, which favors American-made climate technology such as electric vehicles. Macron said the U.S., like China, has "decided not to respect the rules of global trade" by shoring up protections and subsidies while Europe's industry remains open and is stuck in overregulation.

As the pair met outside the palace, Biden appeared to suggest to his host that the U.S. and Europe could "coordinate together," and he was heard telling Macron about his most recent conversation with Chinese President Xi Jinping, who was objecting to steep U.S. tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles.

Biden hosted Macron in December 2022 at the White House for the first state visit of his presidency as the COVID-19 pandemic receded. Among the attendees at Saturday's dinner was World War II veteran Harold Terens and his sweetheart, Jeanne Swerlin, who were married Saturday inland of the D-Day beaches in Normandy, France.

"Congrats to newlyweds," Macron said, leading the crowd in cheers and applause.

NEWS BRIEFING

Southwest heat wave loosens grip slightly, but caution still urged

From news services



A 159-year-old treatment: An asthma patient is administered a traditional "fish medicine" Saturday in Hyderabad, India. Every year, thousands of asthma patients receive this 159-year-old fish therapy from the Bathini Goud family, which keeps a secret formula of herbs that are inserted in the mouth of a live sardine and slipped into the patient's throat. MAHESH KUMAR A./AP

The weeklong heat wave that baked most of the Southwest in temperatures well into triple digits is on its last legs, but forecasters are still urging people to be cautious as there will be little relief from the warm weather until monsoon thunderstorms begin to kick in, likely in July.

A slight easing of temperatures is expected through the weekend, with Phoenix and Las Vegas falling short of besting any new records. Still, an excessive heat warning continues through Saturday in Las Vegas, where it's never been hotter this time of year. It was a record-high 110 degrees in Las Vegas on Friday, 113 in Phoenix and 100 in Albuquerque.

Even in Florida, forecasters with the National Weather Service on Saturday warned that heat indices would be well into the triple digits for Miami and other areas. That measurement reflects what the temperature feels like to the human body when relative humidity is combined with the air temperature.

Forecasters also issued heat advisories in far West Texas and along the U.S.-Mexico border, but they noted that the highs would be a bit cooler than the past couple of days.

The heat arrived weeks earlier than usual even in places at higher elevations — areas typically a dozen degrees cooler. That includes Reno, Nevada, where the normal high of 81 for this time of year soared to a record 98 Thursday and Friday — but was short of the daily record of 100.

John Adair, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Las Vegas, said it's not unusual for parts of the Southwest to heat up pretty quickly, especially in the second half of June.

"So this is a hot time of year before we start to get some moisture and cloud cover from the monsoon thunderstorms that come around," he said. "Even for next weekend, we're forecast to hover around 105, 106, which is just slightly above normal at that point."

There have been no reports of any heat-related deaths or serious injuries in the region, but a 68-year-old man was hospitalized in stable condition in Phoenix on Friday after he was overcome with heat exhaustion while hiking on a mountain trail and rescued by fire crews.

Attacks by Russia, Ukraine: Russia-installed officials in the partially-occupied Ukrainian regions of Kherson and Luhansk said Ukrainian attacks left at least 28 people dead as Russia and Ukraine continued to exchange drone attacks overnight into Saturday.

A Ukrainian attack Friday on the small town of Sadove in the Kherson region killed 22 and wounded 15 people, Moscow-appointed governor Vladimir Saldo said.

Russian state news agency Tass cited Saldo as saying that Ukrainian forces first struck the town with a French-made guided bomb, then attacked again with a U.S.-supplied HIMARS missile. He said Ukrainian forces had "deliberately made a repeat strike to create greater numbers of casualties" when "residents of nearby houses ran out to help the injured."

Officials declared Saturday a day of mourning in Luhansk, and public events will be similarly canceled Sunday and Monday in Kherson.

Farther east, Leonid Pasechnik, the Russia-installed governor in Ukraine's partially occupied Luhansk region, said Saturday that two more bodies had been pulled from the rubble following Friday's Ukrainian missile attack on the regional capital, also called Luhansk.

Russian state news agency Interfax cited regional authorities as saying this brought the death toll to six. Pasechnik also said 60 people were wounded in the attack.

Ukraine did not comment on either assault.

Meanwhile, drone attacks between Russia and Ukraine persisted.

Bodies recovered off Libya: An aid group said Saturday that it recovered the bodies of 11 migrants off the Libyan coast and transferred them to an Italian coast guard ship off Lampedusa island, where thousands are trying to reach from North Africa.

The aid group, Doctors Without Borders, said its Geo Barents rescue ship had recovered the bodies following a search operation that lasted more than nine hours, after being alerted by German humanitarian organization Sea-Watch, which also rescues migrants at sea.

The German group said it was unclear whether the migrants were victims of a previous shipwreck, adding they had tried to contact Libya's coast guard to recover the bodies but received no reply.

During Saturday's mission, the Sea-Watch crew also discovered another body.

"As we cannot determine the reason behind this tragedy, we know that people will continue to take dangerous routes in a desperate attempt to reach safety, and Europe must find safe and legal pathways for them," Doctors Without Borders, also known as MSF, wrote in a post on the social platform X.

Balloons in the Koreas: North Korea resumed flying balloons Saturday in a likely attempt to drop trash on South Korea again, South Korea's military said, two days after Seoul activists floated their own balloons to scatter propaganda leaflets in the North.

Animosities between the two Koreas have risen recently because North Korea launched hundreds of balloons carrying manure and trash toward South Korea in protest of previous South Korean civilian leafletting campaigns.

In response, South Korea suspended a tension-easing agreement with North Korea to restore front-line military activities.

Saturday's balloon launches by North Korea were the third of their kind since May 28.

It wasn't immediately known if any of the balloons had landed on South Korean territory.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said that North Korean balloons likely carrying trash were moving in an eastward direction, but could eventually fly toward the south because the wind direction was forecast to change later.

Workers killed in Kenya: Gunmen in northern Kenya fatally shot four construction workers at a hospital site near a refugee camp and the border with Somalia where a militant group is active, police said Saturday.

Eight workers were resting Friday when they were attacked, leaving four shot dead at close range, said a police official who declined to be named due to the sensitivity of the issue.

The other four workers escaped unharmed, the official said.

The hospital construction site is near Kenya's largest refugee camp, Dadaab, and the border with Somalia where the al-Shabab militant group is based. Garissa county has in the past been attacked by al-Shabab militants who cross through the porous border.

Local police say the Friday attack may have been staged by an armed group that had warned the contractor to stay away from the area, which they consider their turf.



A stockman shows off Viatina-19, a Nelore cow raised for meat, not milk, April 26 in Uberaba, Brazil. Viatina-19 is the most expensive cow ever sold at auction, according to Guinness World Records.

Meat Brazil's cash cow

At $4 million, the world's most expensive supercow is part of the country's plan to put beef on everyone's plate

By David Biller | Associated Press

Brazil has hundreds of millions of cows, but one in particular is extraordinary. Her massive, snow-white body is watched over by security cameras, a veterinarian and an armed guard.

Worth $4 million, Viatina-19 FIV Mara Movéis is the most expensive cow ever sold at auction, according to Guinness World Records. That's three times more than the last record holder's price. And — at more than 2,400 pounds — she's twice as heavy as an average adult of her breed.

Along a highway through Brazil's heartland, Viatina-19's owners have put up two billboards praising her grandeur and beckoning ranchers, curious locals and busloads of veterinary students to make pilgrimages to see the supercow.

Many climate scientists agree that people need to consume less beef, the largest agricultural source of greenhouse gases and a driver of Amazon deforestation. But the cattle industry is a major source of Brazilian economic development, and the government is striving to conquer new export markets. The world's top beef exporter wants everyone, everywhere to eat its beef.

The embodiment of Brazil's cattle ambitions is Viatina-19, the product of years of efforts to raise meatier cows. The country's prize winners are sold at high-stakes auctions — so high that wealthy ranchers share ownership. They extract the eggs and semen from champion animals, create embryos and implant them in surrogate cows that they hope will produce the next magnificent specimens.

"We're not slaughtering elite cattle. We're breeding them. And at the end of the line, going to feed the whole world," one of her owners, Ney Pereira, said after arriving by helicopter at his farm in Minas Gerais state. "I think Viatina will provide that."

The cow's price stems from how quickly she put on vast amounts of muscle, from her fertility and — crucially — how often she has passed those characteristics to her offspring, said Lorrany Martins, a veterinarian who is Pereira's daughter and right hand. Breeders also value posture, hoof solidity, docility, maternal ability and beauty. Those eager to level up their livestock's genetics pay around $250,000 for an opportunity to collect Viatina-19's egg cells.

"She is the closest to perfection that has been attained so far," Martins said. "She's a complete cow, has all the characteristics that all the proprietors are looking for."

'Miss South America'

A commodities boom in the 2000s turbocharged Brazilian agriculture, especially with a rising China buying soy and beef.

Today, agriculture's influence extends to Brazil's Congress and the national consciousness. Country music is booming. TV viewers can watch the massive Globo network's seven-year campaign exalting the sector. The Cow Channel features live auctions. And Brazil, along with the U.S., is at the forefront of cattle genetics; it does more in-vitro fertilizations than any country in the world, said João Henrique Moreira Viana, genetic resources and biotechnology researcher at the government's agricultural research corporation.

Viatina-19 won award after award — including "Miss South America" at the Fort Worth, Texas-based "Champion of the World" competition, a bovine version of Miss Universe where cows and bulls from different countries square off. But at 3 years old she hadn't yet proven that her egg cells, when fertilized and implanted in a surrogate cow, would reliably produce offspring bearing her champion characteristics, said Pereira, an internet executive who moved into elite cow breeding.



Children pet Zebu calves April 27 at a fair in Uberaba. Zebus cows are a subspecies originating in India with a distinctive hump and folds of draping neck skin. **SILVIA IZQUIERDO/AP PHOTOS**

He needed "a grand matriarch."

Such cows cost so much that people buy and sell partial ownership, and Pereira's company, Napemo Agriculture, paid almost $800,000 in a 2022 auction for a 50% stake in Viatina-19. Another rancher kept the other half, so the two would jointly make important decisions and split revenues.

As the auctioneer banged his gavel, the speakers blasted Elvis Presley's "Suspicious Minds." For Pereira, a lifelong Elvis fanatic, it was a sign. "It gave me butterflies in the stomach," he said. "We were new breeders. It was a bit of boldness, a bit of feeling and a bit of heart too."

Last year, Pereira and the other owner put a 33% stake in the cow up at auction. One bidder paid $1.3 million, making Viatina-19's full value break the Guinness record.

From India to Brazil

In Brazil, 80% of the cows are Zebus, a subspecies originating in India with a distinctive hump and dewlap, or folds of draping neck skin. Viatina-19 belongs to the Nelore breed, which is raised for meat, not milk, and makes up most of Brazil's stock.

The first Zebus arrived in Brazil in the latter half of the 19th century, and they proved far hardier than European stock. They coped well with the sweltering tropical heat, proved resistant to parasites and gained weight faster. A prize-winning Nelore bull named Karvardi arrived from India in 1963, and some breeders still preserve cryogenically frozen doses of his semen, according to Brazil's Zebu association.

Draped in traditional Indian vestments, Karvardi's preserved body stands in the Zebu Museum in Uberaba, the city in Brazil's agricultural heartland where Viatina-19 lives.

Uberaba holds an annual gathering called ExpoZebu that bills itself as the world's biggest Zebu fair. Ranchers came from as far away as Zimbabwe and Indonesia. Stockmen shaved cows' ears and the bases of their horns — the equivalent of a fresh human haircut to charm show judges and win prizes that boost an animal's auction price.

The most prestigious auction is called Elo de Raça, and Viatina-19 has been sold at increasingly higher prices there. Searchlights shooting into the night sky April 28 summoned the hundreds fortunate enough to receive invitations.

As the first cow entered the paddock, speakers blared Queen's "We Are the Champions."

But that cow was a mere appetizer before the auction of this year's starlet, Donna, and three of her clones. The final sale price put her total value at $3 million. Presenting Donna, the announcer said that each of the four produces 80 egg cells a month — quadruple an average Nelore — and called them "a factory."

"Donna shows where we are with the Nelore breed and where we will go!" he shouted.

Opening new markets

Showstoppers like Donna and Viatina-19 are rarities in Brazil, where there are more than 230 million cows, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It has the world's largest beef cattle population, and that's problematic. Of the nation's total greenhouse emissions, 86% are linked to its food production, mainly for beef and soy, according to a World Bank report published last month.

Huge swaths of the Amazon rainforest have been slashed to create pasture, releasing carbon stored in trees, and cows belch methane that's far worse for the climate.

One of the ways to cut livestock emissions is reducing cows' age of slaughter, said Rodrigo Gomes, a beef cattle researcher at the government's agricultural research corporation. Elite cows can gain weight fast enough to be slaughtered much younger.

Others say genetic improvements are helpful but limited ways to reduce warming. Simpler, more effective measures include planting better grass for grazing and regularly moving cattle from pasture to pasture, said Beto Veríssimo, an agronomist who co-founded an environmental nonprofit called Imazon.

Productivity in Brazil could be at least three times higher, said Veríssimo, who sits on the consultation committee of meatpacking giant JBS's Amazon fund. He receives no compensation.

Ranching is here to stay; it's an economic engine in Brazil, which exported more than 2 million tons of beef in both 2022 and 2023, the most since records began in 1997. The overwhelming majority goes to developing nations, especially China, thanks to rising incomes that have put beef within reach. It's partly why agriculture and livestock activity grew 3.6% from 2015 to 2023, compared to 0.8% for services and a contraction in industry of 0.6%, according to calculations by LCA Consultores based on official data.

President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has been working to open new markets.

Last month, Lula met Japan Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, home to the premium, marbled Wagyu beef. He urged his counterpart to taste Brazilian meat and become a believer.

"Please," he said, addressing his vice president at the event, "take Prime Minister Fumio to eat steak at the best restaurant in Sao Paulo so that, the following week, he starts importing our beef."

And in April, Lula visited one of the 38 Brazilian meatpacking plants that China authorized to send beef there. He boasted about the billions in revenue they will provide. Lula's administration last month declared Brazil totally free of foot-and-mouth disease, saying it will request recognition from the World Organization for Animal Health in August. That would open the world's more restrictive — and lucrative — markets to Brazilian beef, Vice President Geraldo Alckmin said at the time.

Send in the clones

Just down the highway from the Elo de Raça auction stands what appears an ordinary farmhouse. But inside, employees in white coats extract DNA from cows' tail hair and use it to create embryos. Behind that laboratory, sprawling hills of pasture are dotted with some 500 surrogates pregnant with clones.

"All those are rental bellies," said Geneal Animal Genetics and Biotechnology's commercial director, Paulo Cerantola, motioning to a hilltop herd as his truck rumbled along a dirt road.

It led to a stable beside a small pen where a cloned calf lay in the sunshine. Born the day before, it was still too unsure of its legs to stand, and a 2-day-old clone set an example by ambling about gamely. Another born 20 minutes earlier by cesarean section was huddled on hay in the rear of a stall, pressing backward against the wall and unsettled by this strange new world.

Perhaps one-third of fetal clones survive; the pregnancies can fail or a clone can be born with deformities that require euthanasia, Cerantola said.

Clones of Viatina-19 are due in a few months, he said.

But some ranchers wouldn't even want a big herd of her clones. High-maintenance cows like Viatina-19 aren't profitable on a commercial scale because they couldn't meet their energy needs from grass alone, said P.J. Budler, a cattle judge and international business manager for Trans Ova Genetics, an Iowa-based company focused on improving the bovine gene pool.

"For the environment and the resources that it would take to run a cow like (Viatina-19), she fits the mold ideally, but she's not the answer for all cattle everywhere," he said.

Another Texas cattleman who traveled to ExpoZebu in 2023 to scope out the genetics scene was more critical, calling Viatina-19, and cows like her, "man-made freaks."

"She's poison for the industry," Grant Vassberg said. "We still need cows to be efficient on grass. That's how you feed the world."

Viatina-19's owner, Pereira, said she gets special treatment to boost egg cell production, but would thrive in a pasture — where almost all his elite cattle feed.

Meanwhile, Viatina-19 is pregnant for the first time, which helps maintain hormone cycles, Pereira said, and he's eyeing expansion. Her egg cells have sold to Bolivian buyers and he wants to export to the India, United Arab Emirates and the United States.

"If she is the best in the world — not just her price, but I believe she is the world's best — we need to share her around the world," he said.

RELIGION

Big decision for Southern Baptists

Convention voters may expel churches with female pastors

By Peter Smith
Associated Press



Southern Baptists take part in a convention worship service June 15, 2021, in Nashville, Tennessee. This year's convention is in Indianapolis. MARK HUMPHREY/AP

From its towering white steeple and red-brick facade to its Sunday services filled with rousing gospel hymns and evangelistic sermons, First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia, bears many of the classic hallmarks of a Southern Baptist church.

On a recent Sunday, its pastor for women and children, Kim Eskridge, urged members to invite friends and neighbors to an upcoming vacation Bible school to help "reach families in the community with the gospel."

But because that pastor is a woman, First Baptist's days in the Southern Baptist Convention may be numbered.

At the SBC's annual meeting Tuesday and Wednesday in Indianapolis, representatives will vote on whether to amend the denomination's constitution to essentially ban churches with any women as pastors — and not just in the top job. That measure received overwhelming approval in a preliminary vote last year.

Leaders of First Baptist, which has given millions to Southern Baptist causes and has been involved with the convention since its 19th-century founding, are bracing for a possible expulsion. "We are grieved at the direction the SBC has taken," the church said in a statement.

And it's not alone.

By some estimates, the proposed ban could affect hundreds of congregations and have a disproportionate impact on predominantly Black churches.

The vote is partly the culmination of events set in motion two years ago.

That's when a Virginia pastor contacted SBC officials, saying First Baptist and four nearby churches were "out of step" with denominational doctrine that says only men can be pastors. The SBC Credentials Committee launched a formal inquiry in April.

Southern Baptists disagree on which ministry jobs this doctrine refers to. Some say it's just the senior pastor, others that a pastor is anyone who preaches and exercises spiritual authority.

And in a Baptist tradition that prizes local church autonomy, critics say the convention shouldn't enshrine a constitutional rule based on one interpretation of its nonbinding doctrinal statement.

By some estimates, women are working in pastoral roles in hundreds of SBC-linked churches, a fraction of the nearly 47,000 across the denomination.

But critics say the amendment would amount to a further narrowing in numbers and mindset for the nation's largest Protestant denomination, which has moved steadily rightward in recent decades.

They also wonder if the SBC has better things to do.

It has struggled to respond to sexual abuse cases in its churches. A former professor at a Southern Baptist seminary in Texas was indicted in May on a charge of falsifying a record about alleged sexual abuse by a student in order to obstruct a federal investigation into sexual misconduct in the convention.

SBC membership has dipped below 13 million, nearly a half-century low. Baptismal rates are in long-term decline.

The amendment, if passed, wouldn't prompt an immediate purge. But it could keep the denomination's leaders busy for years, investigating and ousting churches.

Many predominantly Black churches have men as lead pastors but assign pastor titles to women in other areas, such as worship and children's ministries.

"To disfellowship like-minded churches … based on a local-church governance decision dishonors the spirit of cooperation and the guiding tenets of our denomination," the Rev. Gregory Perkins, president of the SBC's National African American Fellowship, wrote to denominational officials.

The controversy complicates the already-choppy efforts by the mostly white denomination to diversify and overcome its legacy of slavery and segregation.

Amendment proponents say the convention needs to reinforce its doctrinal statement, the Baptist Faith and Message, which says the office of pastor is "limited to men as qualified by Scripture."

Since Baptist churches are independent, the convention can't tell them what to do or whom to appoint as a pastor.

But the convention can decide which churches are in and which are out. And even without a formal amendment, its Executive Committee has begun telling churches with female pastors that they're out. That included one of its largest, Saddleback Church of California.

When Saddleback and a small Kentucky church appealed to the annual meeting in 2023, delegates overwhelmingly refused to take them back.

The amendment would give such enforcement actions more teeth.

Some churches with female pastors quit on their own in the past year. They range from Elevation Church, a North Carolina megachurch, to First Baptist of Richmond, Virginia, which had close SBC ties from the convention's founding.

Some SBC churches with women as pastors are heavily involved with the convention; others have minimal connections and identify more closely with historically Black or other progressive denominations.

Also, some SBC churches interpret the 2000 faith statement as only applying to senior pastors. As long as a the church leader is male, women can serve other pastoral roles, they say.

Christian couples wrestle with IVF dilemma

Ethical questions include what to do with extra embryos

By Laura Ungar and Tiffany Stanley
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Sam Earle and his wife, Tori, hold their daughter, Novalie, who was born through embryo adoption. MIKE CARLSON/AP

When faced with infertility, Amanda and Jeff Walker had a baby through in vitro fertilization but were left with extra embryos — and questions.

Tori and Sam Earle "adopted" an embryo frozen 20 years earlier by another couple.

Matthew Eppinette and his wife chose to forgo IVF out of ethical concerns and have no children of their own.

All are guided by a strong Christian faith and believe life begins at or around conception. All have wrestled with the same weighty questions: How do you build a family in a way that conforms with your beliefs? Is IVF an ethical option, especially if it creates more embryos than a couple can use?

"We live in a world that tries to be black and white on the subject," Tori Earle said. "It's not a black-and-white issue."

The dilemma reflects the age-old friction between faith and science at the heart of the recent IVF controversy in Alabama, where the state Supreme Court ruled that frozen embryos have the legal status of children.

The ruling — which decided a lawsuit about embryos that were accidentally destroyed — caused large clinics to pause IVF services, sparking a backlash. State leaders devised a temporary solution that shielded clinics from liability. Concerns about IVF's future prompted U.S. senators from both parties to propose bills aiming to protect IVF nationwide.

Laurie Zoloth, a professor of religion and ethics at the University of Chicago, said arguments about this modern medical procedure touch on two ideas fundamental to American democracy: freedom of religion and who counts as a full person.

"People have different ideas of what counts as a human being," said Zoloth, who is Jewish. "And it's not a political question. It's really a religious question."

For many evangelicals, IVF can be problematic. The process is "inherently unnatural," and there are concerns relating to "the dignity of human embryos," said Jason Thacker, an ethicist who directs a research institute at the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I'm both pro-family and pro-life," he said. "But just because we can do something, it doesn't mean we should."

Kelly and Alex Pelsor of Indianapolis turned to a fertility specialist after trying to have children naturally for two years. Doctors recommended IVF, which accounts for around 2% of births in the United States.

"I was honestly very scared," said Pelsor, who believes life begins after conception. "I didn't know which way to go."

Pelsor and her husband prayed. She began attending a Christian infertility support group and decided to move forward with IVF. Her daughter was born in March 2022.

"I truly believe she's a miracle from God," said Pelsor, 37. "She would not be here without IVF."

Pelsor later miscarried a remaining embryo after it was transferred. So she never had to face the quandary of what to do with extras.

Amanda Walker of Albuquerque, New Mexico, did.

She and her husband turned to IVF after five years of trying and a miscarriage. She wound up with 10 embryos. She miscarried five. Three became her children: an 8-year-old daughter and twins who will be 3 in July.

That left her with two more, which she agonized and prayed about.

"We didn't want to destroy them," said Walker, 42. "We believe that they are children."

Matthew Eppinette, a bioethicist, says he hears many similar stories.

Couples tell him, " 'We got way into the process, and we had these frozen embryos, and we just never realized that we were going to have to make decisions about this,' " said Eppinette, executive director of the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity at Trinity International University, an evangelical school based in Illinois.

Dr. John Storment, a reproductive endocrinologist in Lafayette, Louisiana, said there are ways to minimize the risk of extra embryos. For example, doctors can give less ovary-stimulating medication, or they can fertilize only two or three eggs. These adjustments can add about $5,000 on top of the usual $15,000 to $25,000 for a round of IVF.

Religious scholars say the IVF issue is largely underexplored among evangelical Protestants, who lack the clear position against the procedure taken by the Catholic Church.

Still, Eppinette said most evangelical leaders would advise couples to create only as many embryos as they're going to use.

In his own life, though, Eppinette and his wife weren't willing to try IVF when they faced infertility.

Some couples find an answer in embryo adoption.

Snowflakes, a division of Nightlight Christian Adoptions, has offered this service to more than 9,000 families since 1997, with more than 1,170 births.

For the Walkers, Snowflakes offered a perfect solution. They chose an open adoption that allowed them to get to know the family adopting their embryos.

The adoptive mom miscarried one but gave birth to a daughter with the other.

Couples on the other side of the adoption arrangement say it's been a good solution for them, too.

Before finding Snowflakes, the Earles of Lakeland, Florida, had struggled with infertility for years and were considering traditional adoption. IVF wasn't an option because of leftover embryo concerns.

"We asked the Lord to just kind of guide us," said Tori, 30, who belongs to a Baptist church.

They adopted 13 embryos that had been frozen for 20 years. One became their daughter Novalie, born last April. They hope to have three or four more children with the remaining embryos, knowing that not all will grow into a baby.

"God can use everything to his glory," said Sam Earle, 30. "There's certainly an aspect that you consider with IVF: the ethics of freezing more embryos than you need. … But for families who struggle with infertility, it's a beautiful opportunity."

Several Christians who faced infertility said they support the Alabama court ruling.

Still, no couples said IVF should be stopped, although some wondered whether more regulation or education is needed.

Even among Christians who see embryos as treasured lives, there's a spectrum of complicated views.

Kelly Pelsor, for one, doesn't want to see IVF threatened anywhere.

"When clinics started pausing their services and it looked uncertain for a moment, it broke my heart, because for a lot of people, this is a chance to have a child," Pelsor said.

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Choose wisely:

Words matter in resumes, interviews so swap tired cliches for something new



Dreamstime

Certain terms included on resumes and used during interviews will surely induce eye rolls in even the most hardened recruiters. Here are several of them and what you should use instead:

Team player: Good to know that the orientation video you watched in 2009 stuck with you. Of course, you're a team player. Or at least it's inferred. There certainly are other ways to describe previous experiences and accomplishments that would call attention to the fact that you play well with others.

INSTEAD: List the successful group projects you've worked on, outlining your contributions to the team and company. Also, mention your work with other departments.

Hard worker: As opposed to what? Braindead slacker? Lackadaisical deadbeat? Minimal-effort specialist? Distracted loafer? Lazy bum? You get the picture. Telling someone you're a hard worker is like telling them you're an honest person – we'll just have to take your word for it.

INSTEAD: Replace your hard-worker claim with proof of any extra effort you put forth to see a project come to fruition, especially those that took you out of your normal routine.

Ambitious: By the very act of applying for a job, you're showing that you're ambitious. Either that or your cats really want you out of the house. Besides, ambition isn't always a selling point for an entry-level candidate. You can hassle your boss all you want for that promotion that you're completely unqualified for, but at least wait until your first day on the job.

INSTEAD: If possible, show upward movement in your career through a progression of titles, responsibilities and accomplishments.

Seasoned: As in seasoned workplace veteran. As in "Let me tell you about the auto industry back in the day, kid." If your resume is formatted correctly, your experience will speak for itself – no need to brag about your war wounds. Besides, one person's "seasoned" is another's "too stubborn to try new things."

INSTEAD: While a timeline looks good on a resume, accomplishments matter to prospective employers. Don't bury what you've done with dates. De-emphasize the time and emphasize the wins.

Go-getter: Rule No. 1 of resumes: Don't let your grandpa write your resume. Despite what he says, go-getter doesn't sound all that professional. Whippersnapper, though, is perfectly acceptable.

INSTEAD: Use a thesaurus.

Microsoft Word: Might as well write "Takes in air." Knowing a word-processing program that's as ubiquitous as breathing isn't a badge of honor so keep it off your resume. In fact, if I were looking at resumes, I'd be more inclined to schedule an interview with someone who included the phrase "Doesn't know Microsoft Word," if only to hire that rare candidate who comes in knowing he or she has nothing to lose.

INSTEAD: Only list specialized programs and apps that have a direct connection to the job. In most cases, Uber and Spotify don't count.

Highly: In the Great War of 1532 between the Motivated and the Highly Motivated, the Motivated won in a romp because they knew how to conserve their energy and not waste time or space on words that mean nothing in the context of a resume.

INSTEAD: Use strong verbs. Go ahead and consult that thesaurus again and see if you can find some words that carry weight in the workplace.

Responsible: Wait, does that mean you'll be on time every day? That you'll work 40 hours a week? That you'll do your job instead of submitting unhinged treatises to Reddit or watching 30-second recipe videos? Well good for you! You're that kid who always brought back the permission slip on the next day of school, aren't you? That's just great. Now go get in line with the rest of the class.

INSTEAD: In a few sentences or less, tell quick anecdotes about your previous jobs.

Think outside the box: In today's work world, there is nothing that screams "inside the box" more than the phrase "outside the box." And this point could have been made 20 years ago. But still, people persist.

INSTEAD: Use your storytelling skills to point out the different ways you've approached and solved problems.

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Fitting in: Ways remote workers can feel like a member of the team

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1. Keep communication open: Reach out early and often to your team members, either through video calls, email, instant messaging or phone calls. It's important to provide updates on your work, ask timely and relevant questions and participate in team discussions.

2. Adapt and learn: Adjust to the team's communication style, preferences and work routines. Use the same tools or platforms they use to ensure you're included in all discussions and projects.

3. Be seen: Participate in video meetings or conferences whenever possible. It can help you bridge the gap with your in-office peers. Seeing each other's faces can help build rapport and strengthen connections. Plus, do people really like talking to your profile pic?

4. Get involved: Reach out to team members for collaboration or assistance. You should be contributing ideas, sharing resources and taking on additional responsibilities as often as you would if you were in the office, maybe more.

5. Attend events in person, if possible: Yes, corporate America still holds its fair share of annoying events but if you can, show up to the occasional summer golf outing or the baby shower for your boss. And it's even better if you can make it to in-person team-building activities. You can also grab your laptop one day and show up at the office. It's a nice way to show your commitment to being an active team member and lets you make yourself an actual person to your coworkers instead of a face on a screen.

6. Build those relationships: Get to know your team members on a personal level through casual coffee chats or informal meetings. It's nice to know about others in your group and it helps to let them learn more about you so – again – you're not just a face on a screen.

7. Call attention to yourself: Don't be afraid to contribute to the group. Offer your unique perspective and expertise when appropriate to make sure others see you as a valuable member of the team. Also, keep your team updated on your challenges and achievements. Ask for help when you need it and share your successes and milestones with your colleagues.

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New opportunities: Black job fair aims to address disparate unemployment numbers

As companies began hiring in earnest after the pandemic-induced recession, not all potential employees found work at the same rate. The overall U.S. unemployment rate fell to 3.6 percent from 2021 to 2022, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, but that rate varied across race and ethnicity groups. In 2022, the unemployment rate averaged 6.2 percent for American Indians and Alaska Natives; 6.1 percent for Blacks; 5.5 percent for people of two or more races; 4.3 percent for Hispanics; 4 percent for Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders; 3.2 percent for Whites; and 2.8 percent for Asians.

On June 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Maywood Public Library will host a job fair specifically for Black Americans. This event is not just about finding a job, but about building a sustainable career and ensuring mental well-being throughout the journey. The job fair, organized by Dr. Eddie Taylor in Chicago, aims to address unemployment and promote career development within the community.
It aligns with the spirit of Juneteenth, celebrating freedom and economic empowerment, says Taylor, who has a doctorate in psychology.

"Job fairs like this one are crucial," Taylor says. "They provide direct access to employers, bridging the gap and creating pathways to employment."

Taylor says the job fair is one way the Black community can help employ others while offering tangible opportunities for career advancement.

"It's not just about finding a job," Taylor says. "It's about building a sustainable career and ensuring mental well-being throughout the journey."

Taylor says attending employers will cover a wide range of occupations, including the Chicago Police Department, Triton College and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Many employers will conduct on-the-spot interviews and offer the convenience of online applications, perhaps making it easier for job seekers to secure employment immediately.

Taylor says those attending the job fair should understand the importance of their role. "Dressing professionally and making a strong first impression is not just a suggestion, it's vital," Taylor says.

– Marco Buscaglia

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When Jennifer Greco lost her job a few years ago, the 36-year-old programmer began working with several of her former coworkers to look for potential employers. "It started out as an internal blog, really. We would just go on the web, do research, talk to people and basically create a list and little summaries of companies and startups that might be looking for people with our skillset," says the San Francisco-based mother of two. "We tried to weed out the companies that we didn't think had a strong culture or didn't look to be too financially stable."

Once Greco and her friends came up with the list, they began to create subsets and related lists of potential contacts within each organization, descriptions of jobs they found online, some of the company's recent wins, some of their recent losses and more. "It was basically a little tourist guidebook to each company, kind of like Frommer's but with really coarse language and catty descriptions," she says.

When members of the group began interviewing with companies on the list, the others would offer advice, run through practice interviews or refer to something they found on the web or learned from a friend – something the interviewee could work into the interview. "We had some inside stuff, that's for sure," says Greco. "Nothing bad or illegal but we knew some things about projects that had succeeded and who was behind them and we knew some things about projects that failed and what potentially had happened. We'd use that knowledge to talk up solutions and potential strategies."

Jonathan Riley, a career coach in Worcester, Massachusetts, says one of the unsaid benefits of team job searches is mutual support and encouragement. "You're always looking out for yourself while you're out there looking for leads and for contacts but you're always picking up leads and contacts for your friends," he says. "It's easy to get caught up in the group-effort element. You really want everyone to be successful, and this mutual support and encouragement can be a powerful motivator in your job search."

As a job-finding strategy, Greco's approach worked perfectly. "We went nine for nine in the first year. Six of us had been laid off and three of us were just looking for a new job and within 12 months, every single person had a new work email address," Greco says. "It was pretty incredible."

Riley says Greco's results aren't entirely surprising. "Usually, one or two people find a job right away and the others find jobs throughout the year. That's the benefit of having a team of job seekers – it's more personal than a large online networking group," he says. "Everything is easier when there are more hands on deck. You get an extra set of eyes, an extra set of ears and a little bit of extra brain power."

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RED STARS

Raising the roof at Wrigley



Above: Fans watch Red Stars players warm up before their historic match against Bay FC on Saturday at Wrigley Field. It was the first National Women's Soccer League game at a major-league ballpark. **Right:** Red Stars forward Mallory Swanson brings the ball up during Saturday's game. The Red Stars, who usually play their home games at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview, broke the NWSL attendance record with 35,038 fans attending. They lost 2-1. For coverage, go to **chicagotribune.com/sports**



Brad Biggs
On the Bears

Building blocks around Williams

Questions, optimism for Bears heading into training camp

Veteran players were free to begin their summer break Thursday afternoon after the Chicago Bears wrapped up minicamp at Halas Hall, setting them loose until they have to report for training camp July 19.

There's palpable excitement for the team inside the building — and outside. In contrast to optimism at the end of the offseason program in recent years, this time it appears to be more rooted in reality. But as everyone from general manager Ryan Poles to middle linebacker Tremaine Edmunds has said, it's all on paper at this point.

Roster improvements and staff upgrades don't become real until the product on the field starts winning more consistently. Everyone involved understands that. It's a bottom-line business and the Bears appear ready to compete in what should be a rugged NFC North.

Even if the Bears will not have a lot of true position battles this summer — not for starting jobs, anyway — questions loom for the organization. Some will be answered in training camp and preseason. Some will linger into the season.

Here are 10 to ponder as the Bears hit their break — the rookies will be free after three more OTAs Monday through Wednesday.

1. Caleb Williams

The development of the No. 1 pick will be the biggest storyline of the year, and the significance of his progress cannot be overstated. If Thursday's minicamp finale is evidence — and be really careful putting a lot of stock in 11-on-11 drills when there are no pads, no pass rush, no press coverage — he was significantly more comfortable in the red zone than he was the first OTA drills.

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CUBS

Hoerner's status is day to day

Second baseman has small fracture in right hand, could go on IL

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune



Cubs second base Nico Hoerner walks to the dugout after being tagged out at the plate against the Marlins on April 21 at Wrigley Field. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

CINCINNATI — The Cubs are in wait-and-see mode with second baseman Nico Hoerner.

For one more day at least.

Further imaging revealed a small fracture in Hoerner's right hand, which he suffered Thursday when being hit by a 96.5-mph fastball on a check swing. A couple of doctors provided the Cubs opinions on the injury, and they felt comfortable with Hoerner being OK to continue to play — if the swelling and pain subside.

When that will happen remains unknown as Hoerner was still experiencing both Saturday. It creates a murky timeline for his return to the lineup. He is considered day to day and did not play Saturday in a 4-3 loss to the Cincinnati Reds after pinch running in the ninth inning of Friday's 3-2 defeat. The doctors said the risk is very, very small that Hoerner's fracture would become from worse from playing.

Manager Craig Counsell compared it to Cody Bellinger's situation this season with his two rib fractures.

"All things considered, this is good news, really," Counsell said. "And we'll just kind of see where we go."

The Cubs are weighing whether to put Hoerner on the 10-day injured list. Sunday appears an important day for that determination on top of trying to prevent the Reds from securing a four-game sweep.

Saturday's loss featured another one-run game, their 25th of the season. The Cubs (31-34) outhit the Reds but went 1-for-14 with runners in scoring position and left 12 on base. Dansby Swanson (two doubles, RBI) and David Bote (double, two runs) each had three hits. And as often has happened during this rough stretch, the Cubs nearly rallied late. They scored in

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Time for trade rumors to start blossoming

Crochet ready to deal with talks — a recurring theme on South Side



Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

Garrett Crochet helped end the White Sox's franchise record 14-game losing streak Friday with another strong outing in a 7-2 victory against the Boston Red Sox.

He leads the majors with 12.2 strikeouts per nine innings and has been one of the few bright spots for a team that looks destined to be in automatic rebuild mode for years.

So it only makes perfect sense in Sox World that by Saturday morning the big question was where Crochet would be dealt at the trade deadline.

San Diego? Milwaukee? The New York Yankees?

Is there any contender who wouldn't be interested in the left-hander who makes $800,000 and has 2½ more years of team control?

Crochet doesn't think too much about the possibility of leaving or about being mentioned in trade rumors.

"It's kind of a testament that I've been throwing the ball well," Crochet told me Saturday before the White Sox won their second straight, beating the Red Sox 6-1 behind Gavin Sheets' fifth-inning grand slam. "That's all I think (about it). Winning games here for the White Sox is my only focus."

The White Sox should have no urgency to trade Crochet, who is both inexpensive and under team control through 2026. But there's always the risk for general manager Chris Getz of waiting too long and watching Crochet suffer another arm injury, which obviously would affect his value.

Manager Pedro Grifol had little time to celebrate the end of the losing streak before the subject changed to trade rumors.

"It comes across the desk every once in a while, but we're not focused on that," Grifol said Saturday morning, adding trade rumors to his job status on the growing list of topics he says he's not focused on. "To execute a trade in the big leagues, it takes a little bit of time on both sides, especially when there's really good players involved. So I'm not focused on that."

Grifol later added: "We are going to be facing these trade talks questions (or) I'm going to be facing them until July 31st."

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BEARS

McMichael won't make induction ceremony

By Dan Wiederer
Chicago Tribune

Bears legend Steve McMichael will not make the trip to Canton, Ohio, later this summer for his Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony, according to his longtime publicist, Betsy Shepherd. McMichael in 2020 was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and, in the best interest of his health, a decision has been made for him not to travel.

McMichael, 66, is part of a seven-member class for the Hall of Fame, which includes former Bears Devin Hester and Julius Peppers. McMichael was voted in as a Hall of Famer in February after receiving recommendation from the Hall's senior committee.

"In the NFL world we've known he should have been in the Hall of Fame a long time ago," McMichael's wife, Misty, told reporters at the NFL Honors event in February. "But I wanted the whole word to know. And now, finally, the whole world knows. Forever and ever."

The Bears will play the Houston Texans in the Hall of Fame Game Aug. 1 at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. The enshrinement ceremony will be held two days later. According to Shepherd, the Hall of Fame is making plans to present McMichael with his honor at his home in Homer Glen.

Earlier this week, it was announced that Jarrett Payton would present McMichael for the Hall of Fame. Jarrett's father, Walter, was McMichael's teammate for seven seasons, including in 1985 when the team made its iconic run win Super Bowl XX.

At age 12 in 1993, Jarrett Payton presented his father to the Hall of Fame. McMichael was also Jarrett Payton's coach in 2010 for the Chicago Slaughter in the Indoor Football League.

Hester will be presented for enshrinement by his mother, Juanita Brown. Peppers chose longtime mentor and agent Carl Carey as his presenter.

McMichael, 66, has been in a yearslong battle with ALS, a debilitating affliction. He has lost his ability to move or speak.

During McMichael's 13 seasons with the Bears he recorded 92½ sacks and was an instrumental part of a run in which the team won five consecutive NFC Central championships from 1984-88, winning 62 regular-season games during that stretch. McMichael also set a Bears record playing in 191 regular-season games, a mark later matched by Olin Kreutz and topped by Patrick Mannelly (245).

Biggs

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Coach Matt Eberflus likes the idea of matching Williams and the first-team offense against the starting defense. A lot of times, coaches will have ones versus twos in practice.

"I don't like that," Eberflus said. "I think that Caleb is a talent. A very good talent. His game will go to where it needs to be. I want him to see that in front of him, the windows closing, the variation of what we do on defense, and I want him to see that day in and day out so that when he gets to play somebody else it will look, 'OK, I've been there done that.' That's how we're going to keep it."

Williams seems comfortable in his role as the face of the franchise, certainly more at ease than Justin Fields and Mitch Trubisky were. That matters too. Breaking through what has been mostly an 80-year franchise problem at the position doesn't seem daunting to Williams.

"It's pretty awesome," he said. "I feel like there's a light at the end of that tunnel. Right now, we're working with our head down and we're building. Just having that moment with myself, I do it every day. I sit there and I say, 'We're going to be pretty damn good.' So just got to keep working, keep going and we're all excited. It's really important to have that mindset but also have the mindset of, 'Let's keep going, let's keep working, let's get after it.' "



Bears quarterback Caleb Williams looks to throw during minicamp at Halas Hall in Lake Forest on Wednesday. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS



Bears defensive end Montez Sweat drinks water while he stretches during minicamp Wednesday at Halas Hall in Lake Forest.

2. Offensive line

The Bears know they need to be better at protecting the quarterback, and even though Williams is athletic, he's not expected to pull the ball down and run as much as Fields, whose production as a ball carrier propped up the team's rushing statistics the last two seasons. So yes, the Bears will have to be better at run blocking as well.

Left tackle Braxton Jones missed the last two days of minicamp. It's never a good thing when a lineman isn't on the field during noncontact drills without pads, but the good news, according to two sources, is that Jones' absence was unrelated to the neck injury that sidelined him for six games in the middle of last season and lingered even after he returned. Jones has a huge opportunity, especially after the team opted to select wide receiver Rome Odunze with the No. 9 pick instead of going for a left tackle candidate. Jones is entering his third season, and if he performs well he could position himself for extension talks next offseason.

Right guard Nate Davis was quite limited in the three days of minicamp, which meshes with his offseason last year and with his track record with the Tennessee Titans. The Bears are hopeful he can bounce back after a somewhat disappointing season, and the guaranteed money in his three-year, $30 million contract runs out this season. If Davis wants to complete the contract in 2025, he must play better.

Left guard Teven Jenkins, a second-round pick in 2021, is entering a contract year. Maybe he'll stick with the Bears, but they're wise to wait into the season to see how Jenkins, who has had a series of minor injuries, holds up.

Then there is the prospect of Ryan Bates stepping in as the starting center. The Bears tried to land him as a restricted free agent in 2022, and after trading for him, it's readily apparent they hold him in high regard. He has played more guard but projects as the starting center. Can he rise above the level of being a stop-gap measure and be a true improvement?

None of these questions should overshadow the development of 2023 first-round pick Darnell Wright at right tackle. He was very good at times as a rookie but needs to be more consistent — week to week and even play to play — to emerge as the kind of foundational piece the Bears believe he can become.

3. How will all of the skill position talent work?

To be very clear, this falls under the category of a good problem to have with Keenan Allen and Odunze joining DJ Moore in the wide receiver room, Gerald Everett pairing with Cole Kmet at tight end and D'Andre Swift being signed at the outset of free agency as a running back with big-play ability.

Williams and offensive coordinator Shane Waldron will have no shortage of options, but there's only one football to go around on game days, and it can be challenging. The receivers can have a race to 1,000 yards, and it projects as one of the better groups in the league. Bringing it all together cohesively is a challenge for Waldron and something that will give opposing defensive coordinators reason to have concern, especially when compared to most skill position groups the Bears have had over the last decade.

4. Pass rush

Even with a half-season of Montez Sweat, who led the team with 6½ sacks, the Bears still ranked 31st in sacks with only 30. The hope is it is much improved this season — defensive tackles Gervon Dexter and Zacch Pickens should be more prepared to contribute in their second seasons, and maybe rookie Austin Booker can create a niche in the rotation.

But the pass rush was underwhelming — and not for a lack of opportunities. Often times, teams playing with a lead in the second half of games can get more chances to hunt the quarterback. The rush defense was so good that Bears opponents attempted 617 passes, tied for the fourth-most in the league. Sweat won't be able to do it all himself, but with a full season the Bears hope things are improved. It's not all about sacks. Quarterback pressures and hits, anything to disrupt the opponent's passing game, make a difference.

5. Gervon Dexter's development

The departure of veteran Justin Jones has created a starting spot for Dexter as the three-technique tackle. He reshaped his 6-foot-6, 312-pound frame and looks leaner, and the results really struck the coaching staff after he had nine quarterback hits in a seven-game stretch in the second half of his rookie season. Dexter played in a read-and-react scheme at Florida, and the Bears want him to attack off the snap, something that was a stumbling block at times.

"That was one thing he had to work on and then pad level, because he's such a big guy, tall guy," Eberflus said. "And he's worked on those things. But his movement, his athletic ability is even better now because he really worked on his body."

A leaner and more explosive Dexter could lead to more production, and the Bears would really like to be more disruptive in the middle of the line.

6. Running back workload

If Swift can be a more explosive producer — both as a runner and receiver — the offense will have a new element. After averaging 121 carries over the first three seasons of his career in Detroit, Swift had 229 attempts last season in Philadelphia. The Eagles didn't involve him very much in the passing game, not as much as he was accustomed to with the Lions, and this should be an expanded part of his game as the Bears seek easy completions for Williams. Swift was targeted 148 times in 2021 and 2022 in Detroit and brings an element to that part of the game the Bears haven't had since they were throwing the ball to Tarik Cohen.

It's also worth wondering how Waldron will stack the running backs with Roschon Johnson and Khalil Herbert behind Swift. Will there be a role for fullback Khari Blasingame on the roster? It's a question to dive into later in the summer.

7. Kevin Byard's impact

The team targeted Byard because they believe he can be a steadying influence for what still is a youthful secondary. The goal is to squeeze another productive year or two out of a veteran entering his ninth season. While the player he is replacing, Eddie Jackson, struggled with a string of injuries, Byard has been a model of durability. At some point, play begins to slip for every player who has been in the game as long as Byard. He might not be the impact guy he once was for the Tennessee Titans, but it's clear the Bears holds him in regard.

"He's special, just in terms of a leader," Eberflus said. "People respect him just because of the man he is, and he's been a devoted guy to this game for a long time. You can really feel that. That's palpable. You can feel the love of the game that he has. He's very respectful. He's like a coach on the field. He's got really good ball-hawking ability. That's why I like him a lot."

8. A payday for DJ Moore?

The Bears still need to knock out contracts for their top two draft picks — Williams and Odunze — and then the next order of business could be a pay raise for Moore. He's signed through the 2025 season and is a bargain on the three-year, $61.88 million extension he signed with the Carolina Panthers in 2022. He's due $16.05 million this season and next, which makes him underpaid in a receiver market that absolutely took off this offseason.

The topic has surely been broached by Moore and the team by this point, and there's no rush to get a new deal done. File this away for late in training camp or perhaps early in the regular season, but Poles probably believes he needs to address Moore's situation before considering any other contractual issues with veteran players.

9. Additions?

It's worth wondering if the Bears will bring in a veteran before training camp. A pass rusher would be the most obvious addition. Jacob Martin caught Sweat's eye on the practice field and has had some experience in the scheme playing in Houston under Lovie Smith. The Bears have to determine if Martin is a viable rotational player or if someone such as Yannick Ngakoue would be an upgrade. But they also have to answer the question as to whether Ngakoue would actually fill a void. He was underwhelming at $10 million last season and probably wouldn't get much more than $3 million or $4 million from the Bears.

As much as Poles raved about Marcedes Lewis' impact last season, the team could consider re-signing him. Lewis still a high-level blocker, and if the Bears opt to go without a fullback, perhaps there would be a role for him.

10. Eric Washington's impact

Eberflus plans to continue calling the defense, and there was a noticeable change after he took over for Alan Williams last season. Opposing teams mentioned that the Bears seemed to have a more defined game plan from week to week.

Washington's backround is as a defensive line coach, and part of the thinking in bringing him in from the Buffalo Bills is that he helps take the defensive line and pass rush to the next level.

SPORTS



The White Sox's Gavin Sheets celebrates with teammates after hitting a go-ahead grand slam in the fifth inning against the Red Sox on Saturday at Guaranteed Rate Field. The White Sox won 6-1 to earn their second straight victory. GRIFFIN QUINN/GETTY PHOTOS

WHITE SOX

Crochet ends nightmare skid

Strong outing helps Sox finally snap 14-game losing streak

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

Garrett Crochet wanted to become a starter for a moment like Friday.

The White Sox were in desperate need of a big performance. And the left-hander provided it against the Boston Red Sox.

Crochet allowed one earned run and struck out 10 in six innings as the White Sox snapped a single-season franchise record 14-game losing streak with a 7-2 victory in front of 19,684 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"The guys in there, we showed no quit," Crochet said. "Tonight, you kind of saw that. No one wants to have a streak that goes that long. But it's part of the game."

Oscar Colás put the White Sox ahead with a two-run single in the fourth while Gavin Sheets and Andrew Vaughn hit back-to-back home runs in the sixth on the way to the team's first victory since May 21 in Toronto.

"Happy day, won't have to hear about that streak anymore," manager Pedro Grifol said. "It's just a really good feeling just to break a streak that seems to be the hot topic. Let's start something new."

Crochet was the winning pitcher that evening at Rogers Centre, tossing six scoreless innings in a 5-0 victory against the Blue Jays. He was also the winning pitcher the last time the Sox were victorious at home, May 15 against the Washington Nationals.

Crochet allowed three hits and walked two in Friday's 91-pitch outing.

"He's got that type of makeup, he's got that type of mindset — nobody's going to stop him," Grifol said.



White Sox starter Garrett Crochet delivers on Friday night.

Luis Robert Jr. homered in the first to give the Sox a lead, but for a few brief moments, it appeared a Crochet throwing error would be costly.

Red Sox outfielder Jarren Duran hit a bouncer in front of the mound in the third inning. Crochet fielded it cleanly but threw the ball wild to first. Bobby Dalbec scored from first on the error while Duran raced to third.

That was just the start of a wild sequence.

As Crochet stepped off the rubber to throw to first for an appeal play, Duran took off for the plate. The throw got away from Vaughn while Duran was credited with stealing home, giving the Red Sox a 2-1 lead.

"We were going to appeal and then I just made a terrible throw, which is tough," Crochet said. "It can't happen."

Grifol took the blame.

"I thought time had elapsed (for a challenge after the appeal), but I guess I could have asked (the umpires), 'Hey, I didn't see the appeal. Can we challenge this now?' Grifol said. "And he (later) said he would have let us challenge. So at the end of the day, that one's on me."

Miscues plagued the White Sox on occasions during the skid. But they took advantage when the Red Sox got sloppy in the fourth.

Paul DeJong drove in a run with a single to left field to tie the score at 2. DeJong advanced to second and Vaughn moved to third when Duran threw wildly back to the infield.

Colás followed with the two-run single to center against Red Sox starter Cooper Criswell, putting the White Sox ahead 4-2.

Sheets and Vaughn homered against reliever Greg Weisser a couple of innings later.

"That was really special," Vaughn said of going back-to-back.

Sheets scored his third run of the night in the eighth on a DeJong RBI double.

Crochet, who made the move from the bullpen to the rotation this season, settled in after the hiccups in the third by striking out five of the final nine batters he faced.

"For me personally, I already have so many expectations of myself," Crochet said. "In a moment like this, I like to think that I thrive in it. That's how I felt after the throwing error as well. I always in my mind considered myself somebody that responds well to adversity.

"I think that everybody in the clubhouse would say the same about themselves. When that happened, I was just trying to bear down."

Jonathan Cannon, recalled from Triple-A Charlotte on Friday while the White Sox designated Jake Woodford for assignment, struck out four in the final three innings to record the save.

"I just went out there and I was going to go until they told me to stop," Cannon said.

He completed his first major-league relief appearance by getting Duran to ground out to DeJong at short. The traditional postgame victory fireworks went off as the Sox walked back to the clubhouse with a win for the first time in a long time.

While the 16-48 record represents the worst 64-game start in franchise history, the Sox were able to avoid extending another dubious mark.

"Just to stop the streak, it's time to move on," Grifol said. "Let's continue to play baseball. I'm really proud of these guys. This has been a hard couple of weeks, and you can hear them in there (in the clubhouse).

"They are getting after it every day, and I'm proud of these guys for that."

Note: The Sox said the game was halted briefly in the fourth inning when three travel-sized plastic bottles were thrown toward the field. No one was hurt, the team said.

Cubs

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the eighth on Pete Crow-Armstrong's pinch-hit groundout and put runners on first and third with one out in the ninth but failed to bring home the tying run.

"We've got to keep fighting for every inch of every game, and that's the only way to get out of it," Counsell said. "No one's going to feel sorry for you and we're not feeling sorry for ourselves. That's not what's happening. We're not getting the results we want and that always leaves you with a bad taste in your mouth, but we've got an opportunity tomorrow to turn the page and do better."

With 12 losses in their last 16 games, the Cubs are only .001 points ahead of the St. Louis Cardinals for last place in the National League Central as the Milwaukee Brewers remain in the control. The other four division teams are within one game of each other while sitting below .500. Asked if he's keeping an eye on the standings, Swanson replied, "It's June."



The Cubs' Christopher Morel reacts after striking out during the first inning Saturday against the Reds at Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati. The Cubs lost 4-3. JEFF DEAN/GETTY

"It's obvious there's a lot of talent in this division," Swanson said. "There's a lot of good pitching, a lot of good position players. Every game seems to be a fight, seems to kind of come down to who can make plays when it matters and I'm looking forward to our day coming soon."

Hoerner landing on the injured list would be a blow to the Cubs' continued efforts to get rolling. As of pregame Saturday, Hoerner had not attempted to throw a baseball, and swinging a bat previously bothered him following the injury.

"No matter what the injury is saying when the perfect time to come back from things I think is usually the hardest part of rehab," Hoerner said. "Whether it's a two-month thing or a two-week thing or a five-day thing, whatever it is, I think that's usually the hard conversation. Counsell has done a nice job throughout the year whenever things have popped up with guys communicating how he sees things honestly.

"Obviously you don't want to be in a position where you're on the roster and limiting the manager's options, so we're going to go day by day and as far as predicting out it's a little hard to say right now."

Hoerner felt better Saturday than the day before, noting "it's nice that there is a sign of opportunity of progress." However, managing the pain and swelling and knowing how that will play out over the coming days complicates the situation.

"As far as day-to-day pain, I think that is something that you can make worse, unfortunately, so I think being aware of just managing that," Hoerner said. "But I think that's going to be more where my head's at and making sure that I come back at a time that's as soon as possible but also in a place that's going to allow me to be a good version of myself and not deal with something that lasts for weeks or months on end."

Sullivan

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That's assuming he's still the manager on July 31. But that's not the focus here, so let's stay focused.

Grifol's statement about the time it takes to trade the "really good players" narrows down the field quite a bit. The Sox have only two players with an fWAR above 1.0 — Crochet (2.3) and Erick Fedde (1.6). Luis Robert Jr. would be there if he hadn't been injured most of the season, so we can add him to the list of "really good players."

Crochet has the higher trade value because he's dominating in his first season as a starter, has a 97-mph four-seam fastball and an excellent slider and cutter. And because he's also a pitcher employed by the Chicago White Sox, he's likely to be dealt before he asks for a long-term deal.

Robert said last week he would like to stay but is OK either way. Crochet said Saturday that he'd like to stick around as well.

"Everybody's dream and goal is to play your whole career with one team," he said. "It's a very select group of a few guys that get to do that. Like Ryan Zimmerman being Mr. National. That's just a cool thing."

Cool, true. But is it a realistic dream?

"A lot of things are out of my control," Crochet replied. "I just throw the ball as best as I can and hope for the best. I haven't had any conversation (with the Sox) or anything like that."

I asked Crochet if he had spoken with former teammates Lucas Giolito, Carlos Rodon or anyone else who went through the same thing he will be going through if he stays. Pitchers hoping for long-term deals with the Sox are a dime a dozen. Pitchers actually getting long-term deals with the Sox are a rarity.

"I feel like I remember (Dylan) Cease saying something along those lines, that he wanted to stay here," Crochet said. "Gio might have said the same. I never talked to him specifically, though."

The number of Sox pitchers who either have been dealt or left as free agents because Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf refused to offer them market value is long and storied. Mark Buehrle talked about it on the Sox telecast Friday night. The Sox were happy to retire his number, but they wouldn't pay him when they had the opportunity in 2012, so he left for the Miami Marlins.

It's a recurring theme on the South Side. In my first season as a Sox beat writer at the Tribune 30 years ago, GM Ron Schueler traded Jack McDowell to the New York Yankees for Lyle Mouton and Keith Herberling. Alex Fernandez, another first-round pick, had taken over as the ace in 1995 and repeatedly said the same things as Crochet.

"I'd hate to lose Alex," Schueler said in summer 1996. "And I think Alex would like to stay here. But I think Alex is probably going to explore the free-agent market if he has a chance to."

When I asked Fernandez at the end of the 1996 season, he said: "I'd love to end my career (with the Sox). I just hope I can stay and get what I deserve. I respect people's policy (on long-term deals for starters) and I respect Jerry's opinion. But why should I give up $6 (million) or $7 million because they don't want to give a fifth year?"

Fernandez got that five-year deal with the Marlins after the season and won a ring in 1997. The next to go was Wilson Alvarez, who was dealt to the San Francisco Giants in the White Flag trade in 1997. On and on it went.

Former Sox pitchers Chris Sale, Reynaldo Lopez and Cease all could make the National League All-Star team next month. Rodon could be on the AL squad. I recall Sale and Cease also saying they wanted to stay with the Sox.

Crochet can't be blamed for not knowing the history of Sox pitchers asking for long-term deals and then departing when they were denied.

"No," he said. "Pitching tends to be more expensive, or more volatile. I don't know. I don't really look into it like that."

Maybe the Sox will solve that problem by trading Crochet before he even gets a chance to ask.

And then we can all focus on something else.

DREAM 89, SKY 80

Another Reese double-double not enough to avoid loss

Associated Press

Tina Charles scored 22 points, Cheyenne Parker-Tyus added 18 and the Atlanta Dream beat the Chicago Sky 89-80 on Saturday at Wintrust Arena.

Allisha Gray scored 14 points for the Dream (5-4) and Aerial Powers 11. Rhyne Howard finished with 10 points, 10 assists and six rebounds.

Diamond DeShields hit a pullup jumper to make it 4-2 a minute into the game, but the Sky missed six consecutive shots and committed three turnovers as the Dream ripped off a 15-2 run — capped when Gray made back-to-back 3-pointers — before Angel Reese made a layup that cut the Sky's deficit to 17-8 almost five minutes later.

The Dream hit 12 of 22 from the field in the first quarter and led 29-15 going into the second.

Reese finished with 13 points, 13 rebounds and five steals. The 6-foot-3 rookie had her third consecutive double-double and fourth of the season for the Sky (4-6). Kamilla Cardoso and Dana Evans also scored 13 points apiece and Marina Mabrey added 12.

Lindsay Allen converted a three-point play to cap a 7-0 spurt and cut the Sky's deficit to 78-75 midway through the fourth quarter, but Charles answered with two free throws. Parker-Tyus followed with a layup and then two free throws and Howard hit a deep 3-pointer that made it 87-79 with 1:42 left.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	45	20	.692	—	—	8-2	L-1	21-9	24-11
Baltimore	41	22	.651	3	+8½	7-3	W-2	21-12	20-10
Boston	32	33	.492	13	1½	4-6	L-2	14-18	18-15
Tampa Bay	31	33	.484	13½	2	5-5	L-2	17-20	14-13
Toronto	31	33	.484	13½	2	6-4	W-1	16-15	15-18

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	40	22	.645	—	—	5-5	L-2	21-8	19-14
Kansas City	39	26	.600	2½	+5½	5-5	W-3	24-10	15-16
Minnesota	33	31	.516	8	—	3-7	L-5	16-13	17-18
Detroit	31	33	.484	10	2	4-6	L-3	14-17	17-16
Chicago	17	48	.262	24½	16½	2-8	W-2	12-22	5-26

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	36	30	.545	—	—	6-4	L-2	21-11	15-19
Texas	30	34	.469	5	3	5-5	L-2	15-17	15-17
Houston	29	35	.453	6	4	5-5	W-1	17-18	12-17
Oakland	26	40	.394	10	8	3-7	L-1	15-19	11-21
Los Angeles	24	39	.381	10½	8½	4-6	L-1	10-22	14-17

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Philadelphia	45	19	.703	—	—	7-3	W-4	27-9	18-10
Atlanta	35	27	.565	9	+4½	4-6	L-2	19-12	16-15
Washington	29	35	.453	16	2½	4-6	W-2	12-17	17-18
New York	27	36	.429	17½	4	5-5	L-1	13-22	14-14
Miami	22	41	.349	22½	9	4-6	W-1	12-23	10-18

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	38	26	.594	—	—	7-3	W-2	18-10	20-16
Cincinnati	32	33	.492	6½	—	8-2	W-7	17-17	15-16
Pittsburgh	31	33	.484	7	½	6-4	W-2	16-16	15-17
Chicago	31	34	.477	7½	1	3-7	L-3	18-13	13-21
St. Louis	30	33	.476	7½	1	4-6	L-1	14-14	16-19

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	40	25	.615	—	—	7-3	W-2	21-12	19-13
San Diego	33	34	.493	8	—	4-6	W-1	14-20	19-14
San Francisco	32	33	.492	8	—	4-6	W-3	17-14	15-19
Arizona	30	34	.469	9½	1½	5-5	L-1	15-16	15-18
Colorado	23	41	.359	16½	8½	4-6	W-1	13-17	10-24

BOX SCORES

PHILADELPHIA 7, N.Y. METS 2

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	5	0	1	1	0	.231
Realmuto c	5	0	1	0	1	.265
Harper 1b	4	1	3	1	1	.276
Bohm 3b	4	1	1	0	0	.290
Castellanos rf	4	1	1	1	2	.215
Stott 2b	3	1	1	0	1	.244
Sosa ss	4	1	1	1	0	.292
Merrifield lf	4	1	1	3	1	.174
Pache cf	4	1	1	0	0	.203
TOTALS	37	7	11	7	6	

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Lindor ss	4	2	2	0	1	.239
Alonso 1b	4	0	2	0	2	.243
Nimmo lf	5	0	1	0	2	.222
Martinez dh	4	0	0	1	1	.273
Marte rf	4	0	2	1	0	.280
Vientos 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.314
Bader cf	3	0	0	0	0	.267
Iglesias 2b	4	0	2	0	1	.409
Torrens c	3	0	1	0	1	.308
a-Stewart ph	1	0	0	0	0	.186
TOTALS	36	2	10	2	9	

Philadelphia	000 600 010	7 11	0
New York	100 010 000	2 10	0

a-flied out for Torrens in the 9th. **LOB:** Philadelphia 4, New York 11. **2B:** Harper (11), Pache (2), Lindor (15), Marte (8), Iglesias (2), Alonso (16). **HR**: Harper (15), off Manaea; Merrifield (3), off Manaea; Castellanos (9), off Young. **RBIs:** Harper (45), Sosa (17), Merrifield 3(7), Schwarber (36), Castellanos (29), Marte (26), Martinez (16). **SB:** Stott (18). **CS**: Harper (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 2 (Merrifield, Bohm); New York 6(Marte, Torrens 2, Vientos 2, Lindor). **RISP:** Philadelphia 3for 6; New York 2for 11. **Runners moved up:** Martinez. **GIDP:** Martinez. **DP:** Philadelphia 1(Stott, Harper).

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suarez, W, 10-1	5⅔	8	2	2	1	6	1.81
Kerkering, H, 5	1⅓	0	0	0	0	3	1.19
Dominguez	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.91
Ruiz	1	2	0	0	1	0	1.93

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Manaea, L, 3-3	3⅔	7	6	6	1	3	4.30
Reid-Foley	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.12
Houser	2⅔	2	0	0	0	2	6.29
Young	⅔	2	1	1	0	1	1.23
Ottavino	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	5.79
Diekman	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.92

First-pitch strikes/Batters Faced: Ruiz 4/5; Domínguez 2/4; Suárez 20/27; Kerkering 1/4. Ottavino 0/2; Houser 5/9; Diekman 2/3; Manaea 13/19; Reid-Foley 0/1; Young 3/4.

Inheritd runners-scored: Kerkering 2-0, Reid-Foley 1-0, Young 1-0, Ottavino 1-0. **HBP:** Suarez (Martinez). **Umpires:** Home, Mike Muchlinski; First, Cory Blaser; Second, Jordan Baker; Third, Mark Carlson. **T:** 2:52. **A:** 53,882(66,000).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX 6, BOSTON 1

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Duran lf	3	0	0	0	1	.263
Valdez 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.186
a-Wstbrk ph-2b-3b	2	0	0	0	2	.200
Refsnyder dh	4	0	0	0	3	.333
Devers 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.284
b-McGuire ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	.216
Wong c-2b	3	0	1	0	0	.331
Smith 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.223
Dalbec rf	3	1	1	1	2	.159
Hamilton ss	4	0	2	0	2	.277
Rafaela cf	4	0	1	0	2	.216
TOTALS	30	1	5	1	13	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Julks lf	4	1	0	0	0	.274
DeLoach rf	2	1	0	0	0	.091
1-Ellis pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Vaughn 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.217
Sheets dh	4	1	3	4	0	.246
DeJong ss	4	1	2	1	0	.234
Colas cf-rf	4	0	1	0	1	.235
Sosa 3b	4	0	2	0	0	.230
Mendick 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.221
Maldonado c	3	0	0	0	1	.074
TOTALS	33	6	10	6	3	

Boston	000 010 000	1 5	0
Chicago	000 050 10x	6 10	0

a-struck out for Valdez in the 5th. b-flied out for Devers in the 8th. 1-ran for DeLoach in the 6th. **LOB:** Boston 9, Chicago 7. **2B:** Mendick (7).

HR: Dalbec (1), off Nastrini; Sheets (7), off Bello; DeJong (11), off C.Anderson. **RBIs:** Dalbec (7), Vaughn (22), Sheets 4(27), DeJong (24). SB: Duran 2(14), Hamilton (12), Ellis (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 5(Rafaela, Westbrook, Duran 2, Devers); Chicago 5(Vaughn, Mendick 3, Colas). **RISP:** Boston 1for 11; Chicago 3for 9. **GIDP:** Smith, Julks. **DP:** Boston 1(Smith, Hamilton); Chicago 1(Vaughn, DeJong, Vaughn).

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bello, L, 6-3	4⅔	9	5	5	3	2	4.78
Kelly	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.00
C.Anderson	3	1	1	1	1	1	4.41

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Nastrini	4⅓	2	1	1	5	5	8.39
Banks, W, 1-2	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2	4.60
Brebbia	1	1	0	0	0	2	6.35
Leasure	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.00
Kopech	1	1	0	0	1	2	4.05

Inherited runners-scored: Kelly 3-0, Banks 2-0. **HBP:** Kopech (Smith). **WP:** Bello. **Umpires:** Home, Alan Porter; First, Ryan Blakney; Second, Jim Wolf; Third, Sean Barber. T: 2:51. **A:** 26,248 (40,241).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

through Friday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
Witt KC	64	257	83	56	.323
Soto NYY	64	239	76	49	.318
Perez KC	62	226	69	25	.305
Peña Hou	63	244	74	34	.303
Rutschman Bal	59	246	74	34	.301
Guerrero Tor	63	241	71	29	.295
Judge NYY	65	231	68	47	.294
Paredes TB	59	219	64	27	.292
Alvarez Hou	63	243	70	35	.288
Devers Bos	53	199	57	35	.286

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 21; K.Tucker, Houston, 19; Henderson, Baltimore, 19; Soto, New York, 17; J.Ramírez, Cleveland, 17.; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 16.
RBIs: J.Ramírez, Cleveland, 60; Judge, New York, 55; Soto, New York, 53; Witt, Kansas City, 47; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 45; Rutschman, Baltimore, 43; Henderson, Baltimore, 42.
Pitching: Lugo, Kansas City, 9-1; Gil, New York, 8-1; Rodón, New York, 8-2; Skubal, Detroit, 7-1; Burnes, Baltimore, 6-2; Irvin, Baltimore, 6-2; Rodriguez, Baltimore, 6-2; Bello, Boston, 6-2; L.Allen, Cleveland, 6-3; 2 tied at 6-5.

WASHINGTON 7, ATLANTA 3

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Albies 2b	4	0	1	1	1	.266
Riley 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.234
Ozuna dh	4	1	2	0	0	.319
Olson 1b	4	0	2	0	1	.239
Duvall rf	3	0	0	0	3	.184
Arcia ss	4	0	0	0	1	.228
Harris cf	3	1	0	0	2	.244
Murphy c	4	1	1	1	1	.147
Kelenic lf	3	0	0	0	2	.259
TOTALS	33	3	7	2	13	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Abrams ss	4	1	1	1	2	.246
Thomas rf	4	2	2	0	1	.217
Winker lf	3	0	1	0	1	.262
Rosario dh	4	0	2	3	0	.188
Garcia 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.266
Ruiz c	4	1	1	0	0	.200
Senzel 3b	3	2	3	3	0	.243
Gallo 1b	4	0	0	0	3	.157
Young cf	4	0	1	0	0	.272
TOTALS	34	7	12	7	8	

Atlanta	000 011 100	3 7	2
Washington	210 112 00x	7 12	0

E: Riley (5), Morton (2). **LOB:** Atlanta 5, Washington 6. **2B:** Olson (15), Albies (17), Rosario (9), Senzel 2(9), Garcia (11).
HR: Murphy (1), off Law; Senzel (6), off Lee. **RBIs:** Albies (30), Murphy (4), Rosario 3(23), Abrams (28), Senzel 3 (16).
CS: Abrams (5). **S**: Winker. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 4(Arcia 2, Riley, Harris); Washington 4(Abrams, Young, Ruiz, Garcia). **RISP:** Atlanta 0for 5; Washington 4for 14.
Runners moved up: Arcia, Garcia, Gallo. **GIDP:** Ozuna, Rosario. **DP:** Atlanta 1 (Olson, Arcia, Olson); Washington 1 (Abrams, Garcia, Gallo).

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Morton, L, 3-3	5	7	5	4	0	3	4.12
Lee	1	2	2	2	0	2	2.30
Kerr	1	2	0	0	0	1	5.75
Hernandez	1	1	0	0	1	2	0.00

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gore, W, 5-5	5	6	2	2	1	7	3.57
Law, H, 6	2	1	1	1	0	3	2.79
Floro	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.15
Garcia	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.58

First-pitch strikes/Batters Faced: Morton 17/23; Kerr 1/4; Lee 3/5; Hernández 3/5. Law 5/7; Floro 3/3; Gore 10/22; R. Garcia 3/3.
Called strikes-Swinging strikes-Foul balls-In play strikes: Morton-17-1-23-19; Kerr-0-4-3-3; Lee-1-6-1-3; Hernández-5-4-0-2. Law-7-4-6-4; Floro-4-1-1-2; Gore-10-19-19-13; R. Garcia-3-3-2-1.
Inherited runners-scored: Law 2-1. **HBP:** Morton (Abrams), Gore (Harris). **WP:** Gore, Law. **Umpires:** Home, Jansen Visconti; First, Andy Fletcher; Second, Adam Beck; Third, Tom Hanahan. **T:** 2:29. **A:** 33,998(41,376).

LATE FRIDAY: L.A. DODGERS 2, N.Y. YANKEES 1

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Betts ss	3	0	1	0	1	.312
Ohtani dh	5	1	0	0	0	.312
Freeman 1b	2	1	0	0	0	.291
Smith c	5	0	0	0	2	.291
T.Hernandez lf	4	0	2	2	1	.258
Heyward rf	5	0	0	0	1	.246
Pages cf	4	0	0	0	1	.259
Lux 2b	5	0	0	0	1	.204
K.Hernandez 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.203
TOTALS	36	2	4	2	7	

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Volpe ss	5	1	1	0	1	.286
Verdugo lf	5	0	1	0	2	.253
Judge rf	3	0	2	1	0	.294
Stanton dh	5	0	0	0	3	.234
Rizzo 1b	5	0	0	0	0	.228
Torres 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.229
LeMahieu 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.154
1-Jones pr	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Cabrera 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Grisham cf	4	0	1	0	1	.087
Trevino c	4	0	0	0	2	.254
TOTALS	38	1	5	1	12	

Los Angeles	000 000 000 02	2 4	1
New York	000 000 000 01	1 5	1

1-ran for LeMahieu in the 10th. **E:** K.Hernandez (2), Torres (9). **LOB:** Los Angeles 11, New York 9. **2B:** K.Hernandez (3), T.Hernandez (13), Judge (20). **RBIs:** T.Hernandez 2(41), Judge (55). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 4(Betts, Ohtani 2, Lux); New York 5(Volpe, Trevino, Stanton 3). **RISP:** Los Angeles 1for 9; New York 1for 8. **GIDP:** Heyward, LeMahieu. **DP:** Los Angeles 1(Lux, Betts, Freeman); New York 1(Torres, Volpe, Rizzo).

LOS ANGELES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Yamamoto	7	2	0	0	2	7	3.00
Banda	⅔	2	0	0	0	2	0.00
Treinen	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Hudson	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.16
Grove, W, 4-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.59
Ramirez, S, 1-1	1	1	1	0	0	2	3.00

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Poteet	4⅔	2	0	0	3	1	1.72
Gonzalez	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Tonkin	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2	1.02
Ferguson	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.03
Holmes	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.27
Hamilton, L, 0-1	1⅓	1	2	1	2	1	3.00
Santana	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	5.54

Inherited runners-scored: Treinen 2-0, Gonzalez 2-0, Tonkin 1-0, Santana 1-0. **HBP:** Poteet (T.Hernandez), Gonzalez (Freeman). **Umpires:** Home, Todd Tichenor; First, Emil Jimenez; Second, Nestor Ceja; Third, Manny Gonzalez. T: 3:21. **A:** 48,048(47,309).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

through Friday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
Arraez SD	63	264	89	39	.337
Profar SD	67	228	74	35	.325
Ozuna Atl	61	225	71	38	.316
Betts LAD	64	253	79	46	.312
Ohtani LAD	62	250	78	44	.312
Willi.Contreras Mil	63	254	79	49	.311
M.Winn StL	56	184	57	22	.310
Turang Mil	59	201	61	28	.303
El.Díaz Col	53	193	58	20	.301
W.Smith LAD	54	206	60	32	.291

Home Runs: Ozuna, Atlanta, 18; Harper, Philadelphia, 15; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 15; Gorman, St. Louis, 14; Alonso, New York, 14; T.Hernández, Los Angeles, 13; K.Marte, Arizona, 13; Morel, Chicago, 12; C.Walker, Arizona, 12; 4 tied at 11.
RBIs: Ozuna, Atlanta, 55; Bohm, Philadelphia, 50; Willi.Contreras, Milwaukee, 46; Harper, Philadelphia, 45; Profar, San Diego, 42; Adames, Milwaukee, 42; T.Hernández, Los Angeles, 41
Pitching: R.Suárez, Philadelphia, 10-1; Nola, Philadelphia, 8-2; Sale, Atlanta, 8-2; Keller, Pittsburgh, 8-3; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 7-3; S.Gray, St. Louis, 7-4; Neris, Chicago, 6-0; 4 tied at 6-2.

BALTIMORE 5, TAMPA BAY 0

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Henderson ss	4	1	1	3	2	.263
Rutschman c	4	0	1	0	1	.300
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.281
O'Hearn rf	4	2	2	1	0	.285
Hays lf	1	0	1	0	0	.211
Santander dh	4	0	1	0	1	.227
Westburg 3b-2b	5	0	1	1	1	.278
Stowers lf	2	0	0	0	1	.300
Cowser lf-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.229
Norby 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.214
Urias 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Mullins cf	3	1	0	0	2	.170
TOTALS	36	5	9	5	11	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	4	0	2	0	0	.246
B.Lowe 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.208
Arozarena dh	3	0	0	0	1	.173
Paredes 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.288
J.Lowe rf	3	0	0	0	2	.224
Siri cf	3	0	0	0	3	.194
Walls ss	3	0	0	0	2	.286
Palacios lf	3	0	0	0	1	.253
Jackson c	3	0	0	0	3	.043
TOTALS	29	0	2	0	14	

Baltimore	000 100 013	5 9	0
Tampa Bay	000 000 000	0 2	0

LOB: Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 2. **2B:** Santander (13), Hays (6). **3B**: Westburg (4).
HR: O'Hearn (9), off Bradley; Henderson (20), off Maton. **RBIs:** O'Hearn (21), Westburg (39), Henderson 3(45).
SB: Cowser (4), O'Hearn (2).

Runners left in scoring position: Baltimore 6(Westburg 4, Cowser, Rutschman); Tampa Bay 1(Paredes). **RISP:** Baltimore 2for 7; Tampa Bay 0for 1. **Runners moved up:** Arozarena.

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradish, W, 2-0	6	1	0	0	0	9	2.62
Coulombe, H, 13	2	0	0	0	0	3	2.42
Perez	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.02

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradley, L, 1-4	5	3	1	1	1	7	5.17
Armstrong	1	1	0	0	1	1	3.56
Poche	1	0	0	0	2	0	6.10
Adam	1	2	1	1	0	2	2.00
Maton	⅓	3	3	3	2	0	5.24
Kelly	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	3.00

Inherited runners-scored: Kelly 2-0. **Umpires:** Home, Derek Thomas; First, Brian O'Nora; Second, Chris Conroy; Third, Brennan Miller. **T**: 2:48. **A:** 20,485 (25,025).

LATE FRIDAY: CHI. WHITE SOX 7, BOSTON 2

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Duran cf-lf	5	1	0	0	2	.266
Refsnyder lf-rf	3	0	1	0	0	.346
Wong c	4	0	2	0	2	.331
Devers 3b	4	0	1	0	3	.286
O'Neill rf	1	0	0	0	0	.250
Hamilton ss	3	0	0	0	1	.269
Westbrook 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.250
Cooper dh	4	0	1	0	2	.164
Dalbec 1b	1	1	0	0	0	.150
a-Smith ph-1b	2	0	0	0	1	.228
Rafaela ss-cf	4	0	1	0	2	.216
TOTALS	34	2	6	0	14	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Julks lf	4	0	0	0	1	.293
Ellis lf	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Lopez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.244
Robert cf	4	1	1	1	1	.205
Sheets dh	2	3	1	1	1	.235
Vaughn 1b	4	2	2	1	0	.217
DeJong ss	4	1	2	2	0	.228
Colas rf	3	0	1	2	0	.231
Lee c	3	0	0	0	1	.245
Sosa 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.211
TOTALS	31	7	8	7	5	

Boston	002 000 000	2 6	1
Chicago	100 302 01x	7 8	2

a-struck out for Dalbec in the 7th. **E:** Duran (2), Crochet (1), Ellis (2). **LOB:** Boston 8, Chicago 3. **2B:** DeJong (10). HR: Robert (4), off Criswell; Sheets (6), off Weissert; Vaughn (6), off Weissert. **RBIs:** Robert (6), DeJong 2(23), Colas 2(3), Sheets (23), Vaughn (21). SB: Hamilton 2(11). **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 3(Refsnyder, Dalbec, Duran); Chicago 2(Sosa, Colas). **RISP:** Boston 0for 5; Chicago 2for 4. **Runners moved up:** Lee.

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Criswell, L, 3-3	4⅓	5	4	3	1	2	4.12
Weissert	1⅔	2	2	2	0	1	3.04
Keller	2	1	1	1	1	2	4.86

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Crochet, W, 6-5	6	3	2	1	2	10	3.33
Cannon, S, 1-1	3	3	0	0	0	4	5.94

Inherited runners-scored: Weissert 1-0. **HBP:** Criswell (Colas), Crochet (Refsnyder). **Umpires:** Home, Sean Barber; First, Alan Porter; Second, Ryan Blakney; Third, Jim Wolf. T: 2:32. **A:** 19,684 (40,241).

ON THIS DATE

JUNE 9

1901: The New York Giants set a major league record with 31 hits in beating Cincinnati 25-13. Al Selbach of the Giants went 6-for-7 with two doubles and four singles and scored four runs.
1906: Boston snapped a 19-game losing streak by beating the St. Louis Cardinals 6-3.
1914: Honus Wagner of the Pittsburgh Pirates got the 3,000th hit of his career off Philadelphia's Erskine Mayer in a 3-1 loss to the Phillies at the Baker Bowl. Wagner's hit, a double, came in the ninth. Wagner joined Cap Anson as the only members of the 3000-hit club.
1935: The St. Louis Cardinals became the 10th team in major league history to score a run in every inning in a 13-2 win over the Chicago Cubs.
1946: Commissioner Happy Chandler imposed five-year suspensions on players who jumped to the Mexican League and three-year suspensions for those who broke the reserve clause.
1946: The New York Giants' Mel Ott became the first manager to be ejected in both ends of a doubleheader. The Pittsburgh Pirates won both games, 2-1 and 5-1.
1963: Playing the first Sunday night game in major league history because of excessive heat during the day, the Houston Colt .45s handed the San Francisco Giants their seventh straight loss in Houston, 3-0. Turk Farrell and Skinny Brown pitched the shutout.
1966: Rich Rollins, Zoilo Versalles, Tony Oliva, Don Mincher and Harmon Killebrew homered in the seventh inning for the Minnesota Twins in a 9-4 victory over the Kansas City Athletics.
1979: California's Nolan Ryan struck out 16 batters as the Angels beat the Detroit Tigers 9-1. It was the 21st time in his career he struck out 15 or more batters in one game.
1986: Chicago pitcher Tom Seaver (306) and California Angels hurler Don Sutton (298) had the highest composite win total (604) for opposing pitchers since 1926, when Walter Johnson (406) faced Red Faber (197). Sutton pitched a two-hit shutout to beat the White Sox 3-0.
1990: Eddie Murray of the Los Angeles Dodgers tied Mickey Mantle's record by homering from each side of the plate in the same game for the 10th time in his career. The Dodgers beat the Padres 5-4 in 11 innings.
1998: Cecil Fielder of the Angels and Yamil Benitez of the Diamondbacks each hit grand slams in the same inning in Anaheim's 10-8 win over Arizona. It was the first time both teams hit grand slams in the same inning since 1992.
2008: Ken Griffey Jr. became the sixth player in baseball history to reach 600 homers with a drive off Mark Hendrickson in the first inning of the Cincinnati Reds' 9-4 victory over the Florida Marlins.
2014: Lonnie Chisenhall had nine RBIs and three home runs in a five-hit game, Michael Brantley scored five times and the Cleveland Indians beat the Texas Rangers 17-7.
2015: Chris Heston pitched the first no-hitter in his 13th career start, leading the San Francisco Giants over the New York Mets 5-0. The rookie allowed three baserunners-- all on hit batters. He also had a two-run single for his first big league RBIs and finished with two more hits than the Mets.

CINCINNATI 4, CHICAGO CUBS 3

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wisdom 3b	5	0	0	0	3	.200
Morel dh	4	0	0	0	2	.202
Bellinger cf	5	1	2	0	1	.256
Swanson ss	4	0	3	1	0	.220
Happ lf	3	0	0	0	0	.220
Tauchman rf	5	0	0	0	0	.262
Bote 2b	4	2	3	0	0	.250
Busch 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.246
Gomes c	3	0	1	1	0	.155
c-Crow-Armstrong ph	1	0	0	1	0	.216
Amaya c	0	0	0	0	0	.195
TOTALS	37	3	10	3	7	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Friedl cf	3	1	1	3	0	.232
De La Cruz ss	4	0	1	0	1	.238
Candelario 3b	4	1	1	1	0	.238
Steer 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.238
Fraley rf	3	0	1	0	0	.290
Stephenson c	3	0	0	0	1	.263
Hurtubise dh	2	0	0	0	0	.233
a-Fairchild ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	.239
India 2b	2	2	1	0	0	.242
Benson lf	1	0	0	0	1	.213
b-Dunn ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	.143
TOTALS	28	4	6	4	5	

Chicago	100 001 010	3 10	1
Cincinnati	102 010 00x	4 6	0

a-flied out for Hurtubise in the 7th. b-struck out for Benson in the 7th. c-grounded out for Gomes in the 8th. **E:** Wisdom (3). **LOB:** Chicago 12, Cincinnati 3. **2B:** Swanson 2(8), Bote (1), Gomes (2), Busch (10), Steer (15). **HR:** Candelario (9), off Brown; Friedl (3), off Brown. **RBIs:** Swanson (18), Gomes (6), Crow-Armstrong (10), Candelario (26), Friedl 3(13). **SB:** Bellinger (3), De La Cruz (34), Friedl (5). **S:** Benson. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 7(Tauchman 4, Wisdom 2, Morel); Cincinnati 2(Steer, Candelario). **RISP:** Chicago 1for 14; Cincinnati 0 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Crow-Armstrong, Friedl, Fraley. **LIDP:** Stephenson. **DP:** Chicago 1(Swanson, Wisdom, Swanson).

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brown, L, 1-3	4	3	3	3	1	3	3.58
Wicks	3⅓	3	1	1	1	2	4.44
Leiter	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	3.38

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Abbott, W, 5-5	5	5	1	1	4	5	3.28
Pagan, H, 3	1	2	1	1	0	1	4.43
Moll, H, 4	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.19
Cruz, H, 12	1	2	1	1	0	0	3.60
Sims, H, 9	⅓	1	0	0	1	0	4.43
Wilson, S, 1-1	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	5.93

Inherited runners-scored: Leiter 1-0, Wilson 2-0. **Umpires:** Home, Ramon De Jesus; First, David Rackley; Second, Adrian Johnson; Third, Junior Valentine. **T:** 2:32. **A:** 40,274(43,891).

LATE FRIDAY: CINCINNATI 3, CHICAGO CUBS 2

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wisdom 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.215
Suzuki rf	1	0	0	0	0	.261
Tauchman rf	1	0	1	0	0	.268
Bellinger cf	4	0	0	0	1	.253
Morel dh	4	0	1	0	0	.205
Happ lf	4	0	0	0	2	.223
Swanson ss	4	1	1	1	1	.209
Bote 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.000
a-Crow-Armstrong ph	1	0	0	0	0	.219
Busch 1b	3	1	2	0	0	.244
Amaya c	4	0	1	1	0	.195
1-Hoerner pr	0	0	0	0	0	.252
TOTALS	33	2	6	2	8	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Fairchild rf	4	0	1	1	0	.241
De La Cruz ss	3	1	0	0	2	.237
Candelario 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.238
Steer 1b	4	1	0	0	1	.238
Stephenson c	3	0	1	2	0	.268
India dh	3	0	0	0	2	.240
Friedl cf	3	0	1	0	1	.226
Espinal 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.192
Dunn lf	3	1	1	0	0	.167
TOTALS	29	3	5	3	7	

Chicago	000 001 001	2 6	1
Cincinnati	000 210 00x	3 5	0

a-lined out for Bote in the 9th. 1-ran for Amaya in the 9th. **E:** Amaya (3). **LOB:** Chicago 8, Cincinnati 4. **2B:** Busch (9), Amaya (3), Stephenson (10), Dunn (1). **HR:** Swanson (6), off Lodolo. **RBIs:** Swanson (17), Amaya (14), Stephenson 2(22), Fairchild (15). **SB:** Suzuki (3), De La Cruz (33). S: Espinal.

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Steele, L, 0-3	7	5	3	3	1	7	4.06
Smyly	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.26

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lodolo, W, 6-2	6	4	1	1	2	7	2.92
Martinez, H, 3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.13
Wilson, H, 6	1	1	0	0	0	0	6.23
Diaz, S, 13-15	1	1	1	1	1	1	5.55

HBP: Lodolo (Wisdom). **WP:** Steele. **T:** 2:10. **A:** 37,501(43,891).

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2024			2023 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
SF	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Tex	Eovaldi (R)	12:05p	2-2	2.70	5-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	14.0	1.93
Min	Ober (R)		5-4	4.94	5-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	15.0	6.60
Pit	Jones (R)	12:35p	4-5	3.24	5-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	16.1	4.41
Cle	Carrasco (R)		2-5	5.66	3-7	0-1	4.2	11.57	0-3	16.0	5.62
Mia	Rogers (L)	12:40p	1-7	5.68	1-11	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	15.0	5.40
Mil	Wilson (R)		3-2	3.35	4-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	12.2	4.97
Det	Skubal (L)	12:40p	7-1	1.97	9-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	18.0	2.50
LAD	Glasnow (R)		6-4	2.92	8-5	2-0	13.0	0.69	0-2	18.0	3.00
NYY	Gil (R)	6:10p	8-1	1.82	10-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	20.1	0.44

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2024			2024 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Bal	Burnes (R)		6-2	2.26	9-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	20.0	1.80
TB	Littell (R)	12:40p	2-3	3.56	6-6	0-0	6.0	4.50	0-1	18.2	3.86
Bos	Crawford (R)		2-5	3.51	3-10	0-2	11.1	5.56	0-3	16.1	8.27
ChW	Flexen (R)	1:10p	2-5	5.19	2-9	0-0	4.0	0.00	0-1	14.2	4.30
Sea	Kirby (R)		5-5	4.05	6-7	1-0	7.0	0.00	1-1	17.0	4.24
KC	Ragans (L)	1:10p	4-4	3.20	7-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.0	1.59
Hou	Verlander (R)		3-2	3.64	4-5	1-0	6.0	4.50	1-0	18.0	3.00
LAA	Sandoval (L)	3:07p	2-8	5.00	4-9	0-1	9.2	8.38	0-2	15.2	6.32
Tor	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Oak	Spence (R)	3:07p	4-3	3.86	1-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	14.1	3.77

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2024			2024 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
NYM	Quintana (L)		1-5	5.17	5-7	0-0	5.1	3.38	0-1	16.0	5.06
Phi	Walker (R)	9:10a	3-1	5.74	4-3	0-0	3.1	5.40	0-1	15.2	6.89
Atl	Waldrep (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Was	Herz (L)	12:35p	0-1	9.00	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	4.0	9.00
ChC	Imanaga (L)		5-1	1.88	9-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	15.2	4.60
Cin	Montas (R)	12:40p	3-4	4.00	4-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	19.0	3.32
Col	Blach (L)		2-3	4.54	3-3	0-1	4.2	7.71	1-1	18.2	3.86
StL	Pallante (R)	1:15p	1-2	6.16	1-1	0-0	3.0	3.00	1-1	9.0	6.00
Ari	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
SD	Mazur (R)	3:10p	0-0	1.50	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	6.0	1.50

TEAM REC: Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher.
VS OPP: Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 4, Minnesota 0
San Francisco 3, Texas 1
Toronto 7, Oakland 0
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 0
Chicago White Sox 6, Boston 1
Milwaukee 5, Detroit 4
Kansas City 8, Seattle 4
Cleveland at Miami, late
L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Yankees, late
Houston at L.A. Angels, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 5:50p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 6:40p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, 7:10p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 7:10p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 8:40p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 8:40p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 8:45p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 3, Minnesota 0
Milwaukee 10, Detroit 0
Miami 3, Cleveland 2
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 3
L.A. Dodgers 2, N.Y. Yankees 1(11)
Chicago White Sox 7, Boston 2
San Francisco 5, Texas 2
Kansas City 10, Seattle 9
Oakland 2, Toronto 1
Houston 7, L.A. Angels 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 2
Washington 7, Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 4, Minnesota 0
San Francisco 3, Texas 1
Cincinnati 4, Chicago Cubs 3
Milwaukee 5, Detroit 4
Colorado 6, St. Louis 5
Cleveland at Miami, late
L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Yankees, late
Arizona at San Diego, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Colorado at Minnesota, 6:40p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 7:10p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 8:40p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 8:45p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 2, Atlanta 1
Pittsburgh 3, Minnesota 0
Milwaukee 10, Detroit 0
Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Miami 3, Cleveland 2
L.A. Dodgers 2, N.Y. Yankees 1(11)
San Francisco 5, Texas 2
St. Louis 8, Colorado 5
San Diego 10, Arizona 3

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Phillies:** Bryce Harper celebrated with a soccer slide after his tying home run, Ranger Suárez became the season's first 10-game winner and the Phillies beat the Mets 7-2 on Saturday in the opener of Major League Baseball's third London Series. Harper sparked a six-run fourth inning that included Merrifield's three-run homer for the major league-best Phillies (45-19), who have won four in a row and seven of eight. Harper was a triple shy of the cycle. "I didn't tell any of my teammates because I wanted them all to be pretty surprised," Harper said of his celebration.

■ **Braves:** The Braves plan to bring up Hurston Waldrep, the team's first-round pick in the 2023 draft, to make his major league debut Sunday against the Nationals. Waldrep will start the finale of the four-game series, pushing left-hander Max Fried back to the opener of a three-game set at Baltimore on Tuesday.

■ **Yankees:** Juan Soto remained out of the Yankees' starting lineup Saturday night against the Dodgers because of left elbow inflammation. The star right fielder missed his first game of the season Friday night in the series opener after being removed from Thursday's game versus the Twins with forearm discomfort. A scan showed only inflammation, which Soto called "a relief," and he is day to day.

■ **Nationals:** Nick Senzel homered for the first time in nearly six weeks and drove in three runs, Eddie Rosario had three RBIs against his former team and the Nationals defeated the Braves 7-3 on Saturday.

■ **Marlins:** The Marlins placed left-handed pitcher Ryan Weathers on the 15-day IL Saturday because of a left index finger sprain.

■ **Royal:** The Royals' Vinnie Pasquantino hit a tiebreaking two-run double during their three-run fifth inning, and the Royals beat the Mariners 8-4 on Saturday.

■ **Blue Jays:** Kevin Gausman pitched the first shutout of his 12-year career, a five-hitter, and the Blue Jays beat the Athletics 7-0 on Saturday. A two-time All-Star who had never thrown a nine-inning complete game in the majors, the 33-year-old Gausman matched his season high of 10 strikeouts and walked one.

■ **Giants:** Heliot Ramos drove in all the runs for the Giants and put them ahead to stay with his two-run homer in a 3-1 victory over the Rangers on Saturday. The Giants, who won three World Series titles with Bruce Bochy from 2010-14, have taken the first two games for a series victory against their former manager, who came out of a three-year retirement and led the Rangers to their first championship last season.

■ **Pirates:** Rowdy Tellez homered and drove in three runs and six Pirates relievers kept the Twins in check as they beat the Twins 4-0 on Saturday.

■ **Brewers:** Jackson Chourio hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the sixth inning and the Brewers beat the Tigers 5-4 on Saturday.

■ **Rockies:** Ezequiel Tovar homered twice and added two singles while driving in four runs to spark the Rockies to a 6-5 victory over the Cardinals on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

NBA FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Boston 1, #5 Dallas 0
G1: June 6 at Boston 107-89.
G 2: Sunday at Boston, 7 p.m.
G3: Wednesday at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
G4: Friday at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
x-G5: Mon., June 17 at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
x-G6: Thu., June 20 at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
x-G7: Sun., June 23 at Boston, 7 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS
Through Game 1 finals
SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Embiid, PHI	6	59	67	198	33.0
Brunson, NY	13	151	93	421	32.4
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	10	111	64	302	30.2
Maxey, PHI	6	66	25	179	29.8
Mitchell, CLE	10	107	53	296	29.6
Doncic, DAL	18	178	102	519	28.8
Jokic, DEN	12	133	64	344	28.7
Davis, LAL	5	59	21	139	27.8
James, LAL	5	56	17	139	27.8
Edwards, MIN	16	156	83	441	27.6
Booker, PHO	4	32	39	110	27.5
Banchero, ORL	7	68	37	189	27.0
Durant, PHO	4	37	28	107	26.8
Tatum, BOS	15	127	94	380	25.3
Brown, BOS	15	145	52	372	24.8
Middleton, MIL	6	55	27	148	24.7
Adebayo, MIA	5	48	15	113	22.6
Irving, DAL	18	151	53	400	22.2
Siakam, IND	17	157	39	367	21.6
Harden, LAC	6	40	29	127	21.2
Murray, DEN	12	100	24	247	20.6
George, LAC	6	39	21	117	19.5
Towns, MIN	16	108	59	305	19.1
Wagner, ORL	7	42	39	132	18.9
Haliburton, IND	15	105	17	280	18.7
Williams, OKC	10	75	22	187	18.7

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	9	1	.900	—
New York	10	2	.833	—
Atlanta	5	4	.556	3½
Chicago	4	6	.400	5
Indiana	3	9	.250	7
Washington	0	11	.000	9½

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	7	3	.700	—
Seattle	7	3	.700	—
Las Vegas	5	3	.625	1
Phoenix	5	6	.455	2½
Dallas	3	6	.333	3½
Los Angeles	3	7	.300	4

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New York 82, Connecticut 75
Atlanta 89, Chicago 80

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Washington at New York, 2p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 3p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 6p.m.
Las Vegas at Los Angeles, 8p.m.

MONDAY'S GAME
Indiana at Connecticut, 6p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 9p.m.
Minnesota at Las Vegas, 9p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Indiana 85, Washington 83
Seattle 78, Las Vegas 65
Los Angeles 81, Dallas 72
Phoenix 81, Minnesota 80

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES TOYOTA / SAVE MART 350 LINEUP
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday at Sonoma Raceway; Sonoma, Calif.
Lap length: 1.99 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 97.771mph.
2. (45) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 97.661.
3. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 97.566.
4. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 97.562.
5. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 97.542.
6. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 97.518.
7. (99) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 97.513.
8. (48) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 97.420.
9. (1) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 97.390.
10. (54) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 97.113.
11. (16) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 97.485.
12. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 97.011.
13. (77) Carson Hocevar, Chevrolet, 97.076.
14. (38) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 96.944.
15. (20) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 96.981.
16. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 96.829.
17. (7) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 96.923.
18. (23) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 96.819.
19. (10) Noah Gragson, Ford, 96.808.
20. (71) Zane Smith, Chevrolet, 96.804.
21. (19) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 96.804.
22. (21) Harrison Burton, Ford, 96.752.
23. (14) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 96.744.
24. (33) Will Brown, Chevrolet, 96.752.
25. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 96.614.
26. (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, 96.691.
27. (51) Justin Haley, Ford, 96.555.
28. (2) Austin Cindric, Ford, 96.516.
29. (8) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 96.465.
30. (41) Ryan Preece, Ford, 96.193.
31. (60) Cam Waters, Ford, 96.334.
32. (4) Josh Berry, Ford, 96.180.
33. (47) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 96.280.
34. (31) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 96.098.
35. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 96.166.
36. (15) Kaz Grala, Ford, 95.669.
37. (42) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, 95.695.
38. (43) Erik Jones, Toyota, 95.260.

FASTEST LAPS
NASCAR Cup fastest laps with points standing positions, percentage and total fastest laps:

DRIVER	POS.	PCT.	LAPS
1. Kyle Larson	2	8.6	299
2. Denny Hamlin	1	8	294
3. Christopher Bell	8	7.5	276
4. Tyler Reddick	6	6.9	253
5. Martin Truex Jr	4	6.7	247
6. Ryan Blaney	12	4.7	172
7. Ty Gibbs	7	4.6	170
8. William Byron	5	4.4	163
9. Brad Keselowski	9	3.7	138
10. Chase Elliott	3	3.1	115

LAPS IN THE TOP 15	PCT.	LAPS
1. Denny Hamlin	87.2	3789
2. Martin Truex Jr.	77	3346
3. Kyle Larson	79.8	3268
4. Chase Elliott	73	3171
5. Ty Gibbs	68	2952
6. Tyler Reddick	66.8	2903
7. Ryan Blaney	63.3	2747
8. Bubba Wallace	61.6	2676

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Florida. vs. Edmonton
G1: Saturday at Florida, late
G2: Monday at Florida, 7 p.m.
G3: Thursay at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
G4: Sat, June 15 at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
x-G5: Tue, June 18 at Florida, 7 p.m.
x-G6: Fri, June 21 at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
x-G7: Mon, June 24 at Florida, 7 p.m.

FINALS SERIES PLAYOFF STATS
through Conference Finals

FLORIDA	G	A	PT	S	ATOI
Matthew Tkachuk	5	14	19	66	19:02
Carter Verhaeghe	9	8	17	61	19:58
Aleksander Barkov	6	11	17	45	21:46
Sam Reinhart	8	4	12	65	21:53
Anton Lundell	3	9	12	21	16:36
Gustav Forsling	4	7	11	43	23:18
Sam Bennett	6	4	10	26	15:24
Brandon Montour	3	6	9	38	23:24
Evan Rodrigues	3	5	8	32	14:35
Vladimir Tarasenko	3	3	6	28	14:07
Eetu Luostarinen	1	5	6	23	15:14
Aaron Ekblad	0	5	5	25	22:37
Oliver Ekman-Larsson	1	3	4	19	15:14
Steven Lorentz	2	1	3	5	7:00
Niko Mikkola	1	2	3	15	18:52
Kyle Okposo	0	2	2	11	8:41
Sergei Bobrovsky	0	1	1	0	61:01
Nick Cousins	0	1	1	8	8:36
Kevin Stenlund	0	1	1	15	11:26
Dmitry Kulikov	0	0	0	10	13:57
Ryan Lomberg	0	0	0	9	7:42
Team	**55**	**92**	**147**	**565**	-

GOALTENDER	W	L	SV%	GAA	MIN
Sergei Bobrovsky	12	5	.908	2.20	1037
Team	**12**	**5**	**.908**	**2.20**	**1037**

EDMONTON	G	A	PT	S	ATOI
Connor McDavid	5	26	31	55	22:55
Leon Draisaitl	10	18	28	57	21:24
Evan Bouchard	6	21	27	54	24:33
Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	6	14	20	24	20:15
Zach Hyman	14	4	18	76	21:12
Evander Kane	4	4	8	44	15:11
Mattias Ekholm	4	3	7	29	21:56
Brett Kulak	1	4	5	13	16:35
Dylan Holloway	3	1	4	22	11:54
Cody Ceci	2	2	4	18	19:54
Adam Henrique	2	2	4	7	14:41
Mattias Janmark	2	2	4	13	11:19
Connor Brown	1	3	4	8	11:09
Warren Foegele	1	2	3	22	12:09
Darnell Nurse	0	3	3	32	20:00
Philip Broberg	1	0	1	2	13:25
Ryan McLeod	1	0	1	18	14:08
Sam Carrick	0	1	1	4	9:26
Vincent Desharnais	0	1	1	4	17:20
Corey Perry	0	1	1	10	11:15
Derek Ryan	0	1	1	8	8:55
Calvin Pickard	0	0	0	0	45:18
Stuart Skinner	0	0	0	0	60:07
Team	**63**	**113**	**176**	**520**	-

GOALTENDER	W	L	SV%	GAA	MIN
Stuart Skinner	11	5	.897	2.50	962
Calvin Pickard	1	1	.915	2.21	136
Team	**12**	**6**	**.900**	**2.46**	**1098**

TENNIS

123RD FRENCH OPEN
Saturday at Stade Roland Garros; Paris; outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN"S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#1Iga Swiatek d.
#12 Jasmine Paolini, 6-2, 6-1.

Swiatek	Time: 1:08	Paolini
1	**Aces**	1
0	**Double faults**	2
62%	**First serve %**	67%
69%	**Win % on 1st serve**	39%
69%	**Win % on 2nd serve**	46%
5/9	**Break points**	1/1
0	**Tiebreaks won**	0
28	**Receiving points won**	13
57	**Points won**	31
12	**Games won**	3
10	**Max games won in a row**	2
7	**Max points won in a row**	5
28	**Service points won**	17
7	**Service games won**	2

WOMEN'S FRENCH OPEN WINNERS
2024: Iga Swiatek, Poland
2023: Iga Swiatek, Poland
2022: Iga Swiatek, Poland
2021: Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Rep.
2020: Iga Swiatek, Poland
2019: Ash Barty, Australia
2018: Simona Halep, Romania
2017: Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia
2016: Garbine Muguruza, Spain
2015: Serena Williams, United States
2014: Maria Sharapova, Russia

MEN'S SINGLES
SUNDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
#3Carlos Aclaraz vs.
#4Alexander Zverev
Zverevez 5 wins, Alcaraz 4 wins
2024: Alcaraz 6-3, 6-1.
2024: Zverev 6-1, 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-4.
2023: Zverev 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-4.
2023: Alcaraz 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.
2023: Alcaraz 6-1, 6-2.
2022: Zverev 6-2, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7).
2022: Alcaraz 6-3, 6-1.
2021: Zverev 6-3, 6-3.
2021: Zverev 6-3, 6-1.

ROAD TO THE FINALS
#3 Carlos Alcaraz
R1: J.J. Wolf, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1
R2: Jesper De Jong, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2
R3: #27 Sebastian Korda, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-3
R4: #21 Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1
QF: #9 Stefanos Tsitsipas, 6-3, 7-6(3), 6-4.
SF: #2 Jannik Sinner2-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
F: vs. #4 Alexander Zeverev

#4 Alexander Zverev
R1: Rafael Nadal, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3
R2: David Goffin, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-2
R3: #26 Tallon Griekspoor, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (10-3)
R4: #13 Holger Rune, 4-6, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (2), 6-2
QF: #11 Alex de Minaur, 6-4, 7-6(5), 6-4.
SF: #7 Casper Ruud, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.
F: vs. #3 Carlos Alcaraz

WTA MAKARSKA OPEN
Saturday at Bluesun Tennis Center; Makarska, Croatia; Red clay, outdoors
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#2Mayar Sherif d.
#5Petra Martic, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
#8Katie Volynets d.
#4Wang Xiyu, 6-4, 6-3.

WTA OPEN DE PUGLIE
Saturday at Circolo del Tennis Bari; Bari, Italy; outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
Anca Todoni d.
#1 Nadia Podoroska, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.
Panna Udvardy d.
#9 Tamara Zidansek, 4-6 7-6 (5), 6-4.

HORSE RACING

BELMONT STAKES WINNERS;
***2020 race run at 1 & 1/8 miles and as the 1st of the 3 Triple Crown races due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. s-2024 at Saratoga Race Course (1 & 1/4 miles).**
****Denotes fillies who won the Belmont Stakes**

Year	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Time
2024-s	Dornoch	Danny Gargan	Luis Saez	2:01.64
2023	Arcangelo	Jena M. Antonucci	Javier Castellano	2:29.23
2022	Mo Donegal	Todd Pletcher	Irad Ortiz Jr.	2:28.28
2021	Essential Quality	Brad H. Cox	Luis Saez	02:27.1
2020*	Tiz the Law	Barclay Tagg	Manny Franco	01:46.5
2019	Sir Winston	Mark E. Casse	Joel Rosario	02:28.3
2018	Justify	Bob Baffert	Mike Smith	02:28.2
2017	Tapwrit	Todd Pletcher	Jose Ortiz	02:30.0
2016	Creator	Steve Asmussen	Irad Ortiz, Jr	02:28.5
2015	American Pharoah	Bob Baffert	Victor Espinoza	02:26.7
2014	Tonalist	Christophe Clement	Joel Rosario	02:28.5
2013	Palace Malice	Todd Pletcher	Mike Smith	02:30.7
2012	Union Rags	Michael Matz	John Velazquez	02:30.4
2011	Ruler on Ice	Kelly Breen	Jose Valdivia, Jr.	02:30.9
2010	Drosselmeyer	William Mott	Mike Smith	02:31.6
2009	Summer Bird	Tim Ice	Kent Desormeaux	02:27.5
2008	Da'Tara	Nick Zito	Alan Garcia	02:29.7
2007	Rags to Riches**	Todd Pletcher	Fernando Jara	02:27.9
2005	Afleet Alex	Timothy Ritchey	Jeremy Rose	02:28.7
2004	Birdstone	Nick Zito	Edgar Prado	02:27.5
2003	Empire Maker	Robert Frankel	Jerry Bailey	02:28.3
2002	Sarava	Kenneth McPeek	Edgar Prado	02:29.7
2001	Point Given	Bob Baffert	Gary Stevens	02:26.6
2000	Commendable	D. Wayne Lukas	Pat Day	02:31.2
1999	Lemon Drop Kid	Scotty Schulhofer	Jose Santos	02:27.9
1998	Victory Gallop	W. Elliott Walden	Gary Stevens	02:29.2
1997	Touch Gold	David Hofmans	Chris McCarron	02:28.8
1996	Editors Note	D. Wayne Lukas	Rene R. Douglas	02:29.0
1995	Thunder Gulch	D. Wayne Lukas	Gary Stevens	02:32.0
1994	Tabasco Cat	D. Wayne Lukas	Pat Day	02:26.8
1993	Colonial Affair	Scotty Schulhofer	Julie Krone	02:30.0

UFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
SATURDAY'S RESULT
USFL: Birmingham 31, Michigan 18
SUNDAY'S GAME
XFL: San Antonio vs. St. Louis, 6 p.m.

UFL CHAMPIONSHIP
SUNDAY, JUNE 16
Birmingham vs. StL/SA in St. Louis, 4p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	10	3	5	35	42	27
Cincinnati	10	3	3	33	23	16
New York City FC	9	5	2	29	24	17
N.Y. Red Bulls	8	4	5	29	29	23
Charlotte FC	7	6	4	25	18	18
Toronto FC	7	7	3	24	26	26
Columbus	6	2	6	24	21	13
Philadelphia	4	4	8	20	27	23
Nashville	4	5	7	19	20	22
D.C. United	4	6	7	19	25	31
Orlando City	4	7	5	17	16	24
CF Montréal	4	7	5	17	23	35
Atlanta	4	8	4	16	22	21
Chicago	3	8	6	15	17	29
New England	4	10	1	13	12	27
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Real Salt Lake	9	2	6	33	36	19
Los Angeles FC	9	4	3	30	28	19
Minnesota United	8	3	4	28	27	20
LA Galaxy	7	3	7	28	31	25
Vancouver	7	5	4	25	24	19
Austin FC	6	6	5	23	21	25
Houston	6	6	4	22	18	18
Colorado	6	7	4	22	29	31
Portland	5	7	5	20	32	32
Seattle	4	6	6	18	19	19
St Louis City	3	4	8	17	23	25
FC Dallas	3	8	4	13	17	24
San Jose	3	11	2	11	24	39
Sporting KC	2	9	5	11	24	31

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New England 1, N.Y. Red Bulls 0
Seattle at Sporting KC, late
FC Dallas at Minnesota, late
Portland at St Louis City, late

FRIDAY, JUNE 14
Columbus at New York City FC, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
Houston at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
D.C. United at Charlotte FC, 6:30p.m.
Real Salt Lake at CF Montréal, 6:30p.m.
Vancouver at New England, 6:30p.m.
Nashville at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6:30p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 6:30p.m.
Chicago at Toronto FC, 6:30p.m.
St Louis City at FC Dallas, 7:30p.m.
Austin FC at Colorado, 8:30p.m.
Sporting KC at LA Galaxy, 9:30p.m.
Cincinnati at San Jose, 9:30p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 9:30p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Orlando	8	0	4	28	21	11
Washington	9	3	0	27	26	16
Kansas City	7	0	4	25	26	15
Gotham FC	7	2	3	24	14	9
Portland	6	4	1	19	24	16
Chicago	5	6	1	16	16	17
Louisville	3	2	6	15	17	12
North Carolina	5	6	0	15	13	14
San Diego	3	4	4	13	10	10
Bay FC	4	8	0	12	17	24
Houston	3	6	3	12	11	20
Angel City	3	7	2	11	13	20
Seattle	2	8	1	7	11	20
Utah Royals FC	1	10	1	4	6	21

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Gotham FC 2, Angel City 1
Bay FC 2, Chicago 1
Washington 1, Utah Royals FC 0
North Carolina at Portland, late

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Seattle at Kansas City, 5p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14
Chicago at Kansas City, 7p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
Gotham FC at Louisville, noon
San Diego at Washington, 6:30p.m.
Orlando at North Carolina, 6:30p.m.
Angel City at Houston, 8:30p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16
Portland at Seattle, 3p.m.
Utah Royals FC at Bay FC, 9p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19
San Diego FC at Gotham FC, 6p.m.
Louisville at Angel City FC, 9p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21
Utah Royals at Orlando, 7p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22
San Diego FC at Houston, 6:30p.m.
Angel City FC at Bay FC, 9p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
Wshington at Gotham FC, 11:30a.m.
Kansa City at Portland, 3p.m.
Chicago at North Carolina, 5p.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (2-2-0)
Sat., Jan. 20: Slovenia 1, U.S. 0
n-Thu, March 21: U.S. 3, Jamaica 1 AET
n-March 24: U.S. 2, Colombia 0
Saturday: Colombia 5, U.S. 1
Wednesday: vs. Brazil, 6 p.m. in Orlando, Fla.
c-Sun., June 23: vs. Bolivia, 5 p.m. in Arlington, Texas
c-Thu., June 27: vs. Panama, 5 p.m. in Atlanta, Ga.
c-Mon., July 1: vs. Uruguay, 8 p.m. in Kansas City., Mo.
c-COPA America; n-Nationas League

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (9-1-0)
g-Feb. 20: U.S. 5, Dominican Republic 0
g-Feb. 23: U.S. 4, Argentina 0
g-Feb. 26 : Mexico 2, U.S. 0
g-March 3: U.S. 3, Colombia 0
g-March 6: U.S. 2, Canada 2 (US 3-1 pk)
g- March 10: U.S. 1, Brazil 0
s-April 6: U.S. 2, Japan 1
s-April 9: U.S. 2 Canada 2 (US 5-4, pen)
June 1: U.S. 4, South Korea 0
June 4: U.S. 3, South Korea 0
July 13: vs. Mexico, 1:30 p.m.
July 16: vs. Coasta Rica, 6:30 p.m.
w-July 25: vs. Zambia, 2 p.m.
w-July 28: vs. Germany, 2 p.m.
w-July 31: vs. Australia, 1:30 p.m.

g-CONCACAF W Gold Cup
s-SheBelieves Cup;
w-Olympic Tournament

U.S. OPEN CUP
QUARTERFINALS:

Tue. July 9 — Wed., July 10
Spring KC vs. Dallas FC, TBD
Atlanta United vs. Indy Eleven, TD
Sacramento Rep. FC vs. Seattle FC, TBD
LAFC vs. New Mexico United, TBD

Semifinal: Tue., Aug. 27 — Wed., Aug. 28
Final: Wed., Sept. 25

ODDS

NBA FINALS **SUNDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Boston	7	(214½)	Dallas

MLB **SUNDAY**
American League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Baltimore	-136	at Tampa Bay	+116
Seattle	-112	at Kansas City	-104
Boston	-164	at Chi. Wh. Sox	+138
Toronto	-118	at Oakland	+100
Houston	-168	at LA Angels	+142

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Philadelphia	-142	NY Mets	+120
Atlanta	-174	at Washington	+146
Chicago Cubs	-130	at Cincinnati	+110
at St. Louis	-178	Colorado	+150
at San Diego	-130	Arizona	+110

Interleague

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Texas	-162	San Francisco	+136
Minnesota	-116	at Pittsburgh	-102
at Detroit	-166	Milwaukee	+140
Cleveland	-110	at Miami	-106
LA Dodgers	-124	at NY Yankees	+106

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GOLF

PGA MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
3rd of 4 rounds, Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, Ohio, 7,569 yards; Par: 72

Scottie Scheffler	67-68-71—206	-10
Adam Hadwin	66-72-72—210	-6
Collin Morikawa	68-74-68—210	-6
Sepp Straka	72-70-68—210	-6
Ludvig Aberg	68-72-72—212	-4
Xander Schauffele	68-73-71—212	-4
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	72-67-74—213	-3
Nick Dunlap	70-73-70—213	-3
Victor Perez	71-74-68—213	-3
Sahith Theegala	73-71-69—213	-3
Tony Finau	71-70-73—214	-2
Sungjae Im	76-71-67—214	-2
Rory McIlroy	70-71-73—214	-2
Tommy Fleetwood	69-73-73—215	-1
Viktor Hovland	69-69-77—215	-1
Si Woo Kim	72-70-73—215	-1
Shane Lowry	74-73-68—215	-1
Akshay Bhatia	69-72-75—216	E
Max Homa	71-73-72—216	E
J.T. Poston	75-69-72—216	E
Seamus Power	69-74-73—216	E
Byeong Hun An	71-73-73—217	+1
Keegan Bradley	70-69-78—217	+1
Sam Burns	71-75-71—217	+1
Jason Day	73-75-69—217	+1
Matt Fitzpatrick	73-70-74—217	+1
Brian Harman	77-69-71—217	+1
Hideki Matsuyama	73-70-74—217	+1
Will Zalatoris	74-70-73—217	+1
Russell Henley	73-71-74—218	+2
Eric Cole	70-75-74—219	+3
Thomas Detry	72-76-71—219	+3
Austin Eckroat	77-71-71—219	+3
Billy Horschel	69-74-76—219	+3
Peter Malnati	72-73-74—219	+3
Denny McCarthy	76-70-73—219	+3
Alex Noren	70-74-75—219	+3
Corey Conners	68-76-76—220	+4
Matt Kuchar	75-71-74—220	+4
Andrew Putnam	77-71-72—220	+4
Nick Taylor	73-73-74—220	+4
Davis Thompson	73-73-74—220	+4
Lee Hodges	71-73-77—221	+5
Adam Svensson	72-73-76—221	+5
Cameron Davis	73-72-77—222	+6
Taylor Pendrith	74-71-77—222	+6
Justin Thomas	71-77-74—222	+6

LIV GOLF HOUSTON
2nd of 3 rounds, Golf Club of Houston, Houston, 7,353 yards; Par: 72
x-replaced Louis Oosthuizen
Teams Scores
1st Place $3 million; 2nd Place $1.5 million; 3rd Place $500,000
Fireballs GC (S.Garcia-c, A.Ancer, E.Lopez-Chacarra, D.Puig) **-26**
Torque GC (J.Niemann-c, C.Ortiz, M.Pereira, S.Munoz) **-22**
Cleeks GC (M.Kaymer-c, R. Bland, A.Meronk, K.Samooja) **-21**
4 Aces GC (D.Johnson-c, P.Uihlein, P.Perez, P.Reed) **-21**
Crushers GC (B.DeChambeau-c, J. Catlin, A.Lahiri, P.Casey) **-21**
Ripper GC (C.Smith-c, M.Leishman, M.Jones, L.Herbert) **-17**
Smash GC (B.Koepka-c, T.Gooch, J.Kokrak, G.McDowell) **-17**
HyFlyers GC (P.Mickelson-c, B.Steele, A.Ogletree, C.Tringale) **-13**
Legion XIII (J.Rahm-c, T.Hatton, K.Vincent, C.Surratt) **-12**
Majesticks GC (I.Poulter-c, L.Westwood, H.Stenson, S.Horsfield) **-12**
Rangegoats GC (B.Watson-c, T.Pieters, P.Uihlein, M.Wolff) **-12**
Iron Heads GC (K.Na-c, S.Vincent, D.Lee, J.Kozuma) **-9**
Stinger GC (W. Ormsby, D.Burmester, C,Schwartzel, B.Grace) **-7**
Top Individuals

Adrian Meronk	65-69—134	-10
Carlos Ortiz	66-68—134	-10
Paul Casey	67-67—134	-10
David Puig	68-66—134	-10
Patrick Reed	67-68—135	-9
Joaquin Niemann	67-69—136	-8
Matthew Wolff	69-67—136	-8
Martin Kaymer	65-72—137	-7
Sergio Garcia	67-70—137	-7
Graeme McDowell	69-68—137	-7
Lucas Herbert	69-68—137	-7
Jason Kokrak	71-66—137	-7
Kevin Na	66-72—138	-6
Dustin Johnson	67-71—138	-6
Anirban Lahiri	69-69—138	-6
Thomas Pieters	70-68—138	-6

SHOPRITE LPGA CLASSIC
2nd of 3 rounds, Bay Course, Galloway, N.J., 6.197 yards; Par: 71

Arpichaya Yubol	33-28—61	-10
Jenny Shin	63-69—132	-10
Albane Valenzuela	65-68—133	-9
Na Rin An	64-70—134	-8
Ssu-Chia Cheng	69-65—134	-8
Wei-Ling Hsu	65-69—134	-8
Megan Khang	65-69—134	-8
Ayaka Furue	67-68—135	-7
Stephanie Kyriacou	65-70—135	-7
Jeongeun Lee6	67-68—135	-7
Yealimi Noh	66-69—135	-7
Mao Saigo	67-68—135	-7
Alena Sharp	67-68—135	-7
Yu Jin Sung	67-68—135	-7
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	68-68—136	-6
Maria Fassi	68-68—136	-6
Eun-Hee Ji	68-68—136	-6
Auston Kim	67-69—136	-6
Jin Young Ko	67-69—136	-6
Somi Lee	68-68—136	-6
Morgane Metraux	68-68—136	-6
Hira Naveed	67-69—136	-6
Yue Ren	68-68—136	-6
Atthaya Thitikul	69-67—136	-6
Lindsey Weaver-Wright	67-69—136	-6
Dewi Weber	69-67—136	-6
Arpichaya Yubol	61-75—136	-6
Lauren Coughlin	69-68—137	-5
Perrine Delacour	67-70—137	-5
Lauren Hartlage	67-70—137	-5
Jin Hee Im	68-69—137	-5
Hyo Joon Jang	70-67—137	-5
Haeji Kang	67-70—137	-5
Rachel Kuehn	66-71—137	-5
Azahara Munoz	66-71—137	-5
Lizette Salas	67-70—137	-5
Hinako Shibuno	66-71—137	-5
Dottie Ardina	68-70—138	-4

CHAMPIONS AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
2nd of 3 rounds, University Ridge GC, Madison, Wis., 7,083 yards; Par: 72

Ernie Els	71-64—135	-9
Steve Stricker	69-66—135	-9
David Duval	69-68—137	-7
Jerry Kelly	69-69—138	-6
Timothy O'Neal	70-68—138	-6
Steve Allan	70-69—139	-5
Shane Bertsch	71-68—139	-5
Thomas Bjorn	69-70—139	-5
Greg Chalmers	71-68—139	-5
Chris DiMarco	72-67—139	-5
Steve Flesch	70-69—139	-5
Brian Gay	71-68—139	-5
Thongchai Jaidee	71-68—139	-5
Duffy Waldorf	69-70—139	-5
Mark Hensby	73-67—140	-4
Miguel Angel Jimenez	72-68—140	-4
Scott McCarron	71-69—140	-4
Cameron Percy	70-70—140	-4
Boo Weekley	68-72—140	-4
Y.E. Yang	72-68—140	-4
Stephen Ames	73-68—141	-3
Lee Janzen	69-72—141	-3
Justin Leonard	70-71—141	-3
Kevin Sutherland	72-69—141	-3
Ken Tanigawa	73-68—141	-3
Michael Wright	72-69—141	-3
Doug Barron	70-72—142	-2
Paul Broadhurst	72-70—142	-2
Angel Cabrera	73-69—142	-2
Darren Clarke	71-71—142	-2
Glen Day	68-74—142	-2

VOLVO CAR SCANDANAVIAN MIXED
3rd of 4 rounds, Vasatorps Golfklubb, Helsingborg, Sweden, 7,295 yards; Par: 72

Sebastian Soderberg	63-66-66—195	-21
Calum Hill, Scotland	69-67-67—203	-13
Alexander Bjork	69-67-68—204	-12
Alice Hewson	69-68-67—204	-12
Santiago Tarrio	71-68-65—204	-12
Rafa Cabrera Bello	68-70-67—205	-11
Jens Dantorp	68-67-70—205	-11
Scott Jamieson	67-65-73—205	-11
Andy Sullivan	69-69-67—205	-11
Jesper Svensson	68-67-70—205	-11
Jorge Campillo	68-67-71—206	-10
Alex Fitzpatrick	65-71-70—206	-10
Linn Grant	67-68-71—206	-10
David Law	67-70-69—206	-10
Nastasia Nadaud	73-67-66—206	-10
Adrien Saddier	71-68-67—206	-10
Wu Ashun	69-69-69—207	-9
Johanna Gustavsson	70-67-70—207	-9
Nicole Broch Estrup	71-66-71—208	-8
Manon De Roey	69-72-67—208	-8
Nacho Elvira	73-66-69—208	-8



Panthers head coach Paul Maurice looks on during practice for the Stanley Cup Final on Friday in Sunrise, Fla. Game 1 was not finished in time for this edition. **WILFREDO LEE/AP**

STANLEY CUP FINAL

His chance to be a champion

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — It was Dec. 17, 2021, and Paul Maurice truly believed that he was done with coaching in the NHL. He was fourth all-time in games coached, sixth all-time in wins and thought he would be content with letting his career end right there.

So, he resigned as coach of the Jets. He was finished. He was never going to win a Stanley Cup.

"It's time," he said that day.

He meant it. That is, until the Panthers called. Turns out, Maurice was wrong. It wasn't time. His two seasons with the Panthers have given him two trips to the Stanley Cup Final; The Panthers lost to the Golden Knights last year and opened this year's title series against the Oilers on Saturday.

Game 1 was not finished in time for this edition.

"As you age, you get a different perspective on life and what's important and valuable," the 57-year-old Maurice said Friday. "I need to win one. No, it's not going to change the section of my life that's not related to hockey at all. But that's the truth. That's how I feel. I'm 30 years into this thing. Wouldn't mind winning one."

Including playoffs, he has 935 wins as an NHL head coach; only Cup winners Scotty Bowman, Joel Quenneville and Barry Trotz have more. Maurice's next win will break a three-way tie for fourth that he's currently in with Lindy Ruff and another Cup winner, Ken Hitchcock. And only Bowman and Quenneville have coached more games.

His resume is nearly beyond compare. But without a Cup, it won't seem complete. And the Panthers want to be the team that gets his name etched onto hockey's best trophy.

"We want to win for every guy in the locker room," Panthers forward Steven Lorentz said. "Coach has been around a long time. He's seen a lot of hockey behind that bench. Very smart, very talented coach. Gets the Xs and Os, but he gets his players just as much. It's easy to play for a guy like that. He demands a lot, but going out there and playing hard and winning is the most rewarding thing. And it's the best when he comes into the room after and he's just as fired up as the guys who were out on the ice."

Maurice is smart, sarcastic, profane, funny, thoughtful and more. All good things. He takes playful jabs at reporters and then points the jabs at himself; his gem at Stanley Cup media day on Friday was that he showed up to take over a Panthers team that was coming off a 122-point, Presidents' Trophy-winning season.

"I managed to get them down to 92 in one year," Maurice said. "Brilliant."

Nobody's complaining. The Panthers won the East last year, won it again this year. They didn't have a chance in 1996 against the Avalanche and got swept; the Panthers didn't have much of a chance last year against the Knights because of injuries. This team has a chance.

Same goes for Maurice, who got the Hurricanes to the final in 2002 and lost to Bowman and the Red Wings in his first time on the title-round stage.

"He's been really good for us," Panthers captain Aleksander Barkov said. "He teaches us a lot about how to play hard, how to be a professional hockey player."

IN BRIEF

Dornoch pulls off an upset to win Belmont

News services

When Luis Saez first rode Dornoch at Saratoga Race Course last summer, he told trainer Danny Gargan, "You have the Derby winner."

While that did not come true, Dornoch made good on that optimism Saturday by winning the first Belmont Stakes at Saratoga, hugging the rail and holding off Mindframe to spring a major upset in the Triple Crown finale at odds of 17-1.

The horse co-owned by World Series champion Jayson Werth won the Belmont five weeks after a troubled trip led to a 10th-place finish in the Kentucky Derby. This time, Dornoch sat off leader Seize the Grey, passed the Preakness winner down the stretch and held on for a 1 ½-length victory.

"I would put it right up there with winning on the biggest stage. Horse racing is the most underrated sport in the world, bar none," said Werth, who won a World Series with the Phillies in 2008. "It's the biggest game: You get the Derby, the Preakness, the Belmont. We just won the Belmont. This is as good as it gets in horse racing. It's as good as it gets in sports.

Auto racing: Joey Logano continued a run of Team Penske momentum by winning the pole for Sunday's race at Sonoma Raceway.

Boxing: A Manny Pacquiao-Mario Barrios WBC welterweight title fight is being explored for this fall in Las Vegas, Manny Pacquiao Promotions president Sean Gibbons told ESPN.

Golf: Scottie Scheffler shot a 71 on Saturday for a four-shot lead over Collin Morikawa and Adam Hadwin going into the final round of the Memorial. … Jon Rahm withdrew from LIV Golf Houston after six holes Saturday because of an infection in his foot, with the U.S. Open set to start in five days. … Jenny Shin shot a 2-under 69 on Saturday and will take a one-shot lead into the final round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic as she seeks her first victory since 2016.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Alcaraz seeks 3rd Grand Slam crown



When Carlos Alcaraz was a kid growing up in Spain — which, considering he's only 21, was that long ago — he used to run home from school and flip on the TV to watch the French Open. Long before he was preparing to play in Sunday's final in Paris against Alexander Zverev, Alcaraz watched a lot of matches involving Rafael Nadal, as his countryman was accumulating a record 14 titles at Roland Garros. "I wanted to put my name on that list of the Spanish players who won this tournament. Not only Rafa," said Alcaraz, who then rattled off champions such as Juan Carlos Ferrero (who happens to be his coach), Carlos Moya and Albert Costa, calling them "legends from our sport that won this tournament." He just might join them. Alcaraz has triumphed on the U.S. Open's hard courts in 2022, and Wimbledon's grass courts in 2023, and now he is one victory away from holding a trophy on the red clay of Court Philippe Chatrier in southwest Paris. He would be the youngest man to own a major championship on all three surfaces; as it is, he's the youngest to make it to finals on every surface.

Clark left off US national team roster



Caitlin Clark won't be headed to the Paris Olympics. No official announcement has been made. The decision was first reported by The Athletic. Clark does have some international experience with USA Basketball at a younger level, but she couldn't attend the national training camp in Cleveland after she was invited because she was leading Iowa to the Final Four. Clark, now a rookie with the Fever, has drawn millions of new fans to women's basketball in her college career and also in her young WNBA career. While Clark won't be headed to Paris, the U.S. is expected to take five-time gold medalist Diana Taurasi for a sixth Olympics. Taurasi will be joined by Mercury teammate Brittney Griner. Joining the pair will be Olympic veterans Breanna Stewart, A'ja Wilson, Napheesa Collier, Jewell Loyd and Chelsea Gray. Kelsey Plum and Jackie Young, who helped the U.S. win the inaugural 3x3 gold medal at the Tokyo Games in 2021, also will be on the team. A bunch of first-time Olympians will join the team with Alyssa Thomas, Sabrina Ionescu and Kahleah Copper.

Darwitz out as GM after PWHL title



Natalie Darwitz's tenure is over as general manager of the PWHL champion Minnesota franchise following an internal and external review, vice president of hockey operations Jayna Hefford said Saturday. Without going into detail on the findings, which included input from players and staff, Hefford called the decision a difficult but eventually necessary one for the betterment of the PWHL. "The feedback to us was pretty direct and pretty clear that there wasn't a path forward with the current personnel in place," Hefford said during a Zoom interview with select members of the media. "It was with the work we did throughout the year, and it was clear that a change needed to be made." Hefford said the decision involved more than one person and was part of a year-long process, when asked whether a rift escalated over the season between Darwitz and coach Ken Klee. The decision to part ways with Darwitz is solely the PWHL's because it operates all six franchises and employs its staff and coaches.

—Associated Press



The Celtics' Jaylen Brown argues a call with referee Zach Zarba during the third quarter of Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Thursday at TD Garden in Boston. **ADAM GLANZMAN/GETTY**

NBA FINALS

A split decision

Mavs' plan: Get the Celtics to fight among themselves

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — Jason Kidd couldn't figure out how to stop the Celtics in Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

Now he's hoping they will get in their own way.

The Mavericks coach seemed eager to sow dissension in the Celtics locker room on Saturday when he singled out Jaylen Brown as the Celtics' best player — words transparently designed to irk Jayson Tatum, an actual NBA first-teamer who was sixth in the voting for the league's MVP.

Asked during his off-day media availability about a game-plan to defend Brown, Kidd said, "Well, Jaylen's their best player ..." prompting reporters to perk up and wonder: Did he really say that? (It was the final question of his news conference, so there was no follow-up.)

Tatum said it won't work.

"We understand that people try to drive a wedge between us. I guess it's a smart thing to do — or try to do," Tatum said. "We've been in this position for many years, of guys trying to divide us and say that one of us should be traded, or one is better than the other. So it's not our first time at the rodeo."

On that, Brown agreed completely.

"We've been just extremely focused on what our roles and our jobs are. We have all had to sacrifice," he said. "Right now, at this point, it's whatever it takes to win. And we can't let any outside interpretations try to get in between us."

Drafted third overall in back-to-back years, Brown and Tatum have emerged as one of the NBA's best duos, combining to lead the Celtics to the Eastern Conference finals five times in their seven seasons together. But even with the success — 64 wins this year, the league's No. 1 overall seed, and a second trip to the NBA Finals — they have had to combat speculation that there wasn't room in the locker room for both of them.

Although Tatum's career numbers have been better, Brown is the highest-paid player in the league — a quirk of timing and age that gave him the first shot at a supermax contract extension that will earn him more than $300 million over five years. Brown also outplayed Tatum in the 2022 NBA Finals, was the MVP of this year's conference finals and outscored Tatum 22-16 in the Game 1 victory over the Mavericks on Thursday night.

That may explain why Kidd said on Saturday — twice — that Brown was the Celtics' main threat.

"Jaylen's their best player," the Mavericks coach said. "He did everything, and that's what your best player does. Just understanding how to play both sides — defense and offense at a high rate — he's been doing that the whole playoffs."

But no one else seems to think so.

Tatum averaged 27 points, eight rebounds and five assists this season, and Brown averaged 23, 5.5 and 3.6. And even with Brown outscoring him in Game 1, Tatum's numbers are also better in the playoffs so far. (And besides: The real star of the opener was Celtics big man Kristaps Porzingis.)

Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said he's not worried about internal rivalries getting in his team's way, as long as his players "focus on the truth."

"What goes on in our locker room, how we communicate with each other, how we build relationships with each other and how we treat each other on and off the floor, that's the most important thing," he said.

The Mavericks have their own Big Two, with five-time All-NBA first-team guard Luka Doncic teaming up with Kyrie Irving to form an All-Star backcourt. Irving, who teamed with LeBron James to win the 2016 NBA championship in Cleveland even as they struggled to co-exist, said he tries not to pay attention to talk pitting him against his teammate.

"I'm just here to play basketball," Irving said. "You've got to be selfless in your approach. Obviously, you're not going to get it right all the time, but as a teammate, you just want to push those other things to the side that don't really matter or get you better as a team. So we just leave it to everybody else to argue whose team it is and who has the most responsibility. It's all our jobs to be prepared."

FRENCH OPEN

Swiatek takes 3rd straight title in dominating win

By Howard Fendrich | Associated Press

PARIS — For a few minutes, anyway, it seemed as if Iga Swiatek was a bit off in the French Open final against Jasmine Paolini. Swiatek kept making mistakes early Saturday, got broken in the third game and trailed at Court Philippe Chatrier.

Might a true surprise be in the offing? Could Paolini not only make a match of this, but actually win it? Um, no. Not even close. Not with the way Swiatek can dominate opponents, especially on red clay.

The top-seeded Swiatek quickly recalibrated her wayward strokes and simply overwhelmed Paolini, grabbing 10 games in a row en route to a 6-2, 6-1 victory that gave her a third consecutive championship at Roland Garros and fourth in five years.

The 23-year-old from Poland had to save a match point in a second-round victory against Naomi Osaka last week, but in the five matches after that three-set escape, Swiatek dropped a total of only 17 games.

"This tournament has been pretty surreal with its beginning and with second round, and then I was able to get my game better and better every match. I'm really proud of myself, because the expectations obviously have been pretty high from the outside. Pressure, as well," said Swiatek, who is 35-2 overall at the French Open, including a current streak of 21 straight victories. "I'm happy that I just went for it and I was ready to deal with all of this — and I could win."

She is the first woman with three trophies in a row in Paris since Justine Henin from 2005 to 2007.

The 12th-seeded Paolini, a 28-year-old from Italy appearing in her first Slam final, called facing Swiatek at Roland Garros "the toughest challenge in this sport."

Swiatek also won the French Open in 2020 and the U.S. Open in 2022 and is now 5-0 in major finals.

She added this triumph to those on clay at Madrid and Rome last month, becoming the first woman to win all three events since Serena Williams did it in 2013.

"I never played a player that has this intensity before in my life," Paolini said. "For me, right now, I think it was the most challenging match I played in my entire career."

During Saturday's postmatch ceremony, Swiatek was flanked by a pair of women who each won 18 Grand Slam singles titles, Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova. Evert said before this French Open that she thinks Swiatek could eventually surpass her women's record of seven championships in Paris.

Paolini, who will rise to a career-best No. 7 in the rankings Monday, had never been past the second round at one of the four most important tennis tournaments until getting to the fourth round at the Australian Open in January. She will play in the French Open women's doubles final on Sunday with partner Sara Errani against 2023 U.S. Open singles champion Coco Gauff and Katerina Siniakova.

Before the final began, a loud chant of "Let's go, Jasmine! Let's go!" arose from Paolini's supporters in the stands, each wearing a T-shirt in one of the colors of the Italian flag: green, white or red.

After Swiatek got the match's first point, a fan yelled in French, "Jasmine, it's not over!"

But Swiatek briefly went through a shaky stretch, failing to convert a break point in the second game, then getting broken to trail 2-1 after 13 minutes when she flubbed a forehand.

It was Swiatek's seventh unforced error of the afternoon; Paolini had made only one. The rest of the way, those numbers: six unforced errors by Swiatek, 17 by Paolini.

Swiatek, who heard plenty of "Iga!" chants, immediately reset herself and began playing the sort of tennis that put her at No. 1 for nearly every week since April 2022. The instincts and footwork to get to almost any shot. The intimidating, heavy-spin forehands. The prematch strategy and midmatch adjustments.

And once Swiatek got going, there was nothing Paolini could do to slow her down.

"I got broken at the beginning, so it wasn't maybe perfect," Swiatek said, "but I think the level was pretty high."



Iga Swiatek celebrates with the trophy after beating Jasmine Paolini in the French Open final on Saturday at the Roland Garros Complex in Paris. **EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP**

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WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE



From Memorial Day through Labor Day Navy Pier's fireworks display lights up the sky Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

The best ways to enjoy Chicago's lake and river

Apart from the internationally recognized food scene, diverse neighborhoods, and storied architecture, Chicago is known for something else — its Great Lake location and the river that runs through it.

When the warm weather hits, there is no better time to enjoy "Summertime Chi" than a day spent relishing the water, whether you're on a boat or simply watching them pass by. From the much-ballyhooed architecture tour to the transformed Riverwalk, here are a few ways to enjoy Lake Michigan and the Chicago River by way of water.

Take an architecture tour

For first-time visitors or lifelong residents, the Chicago Architecture tour offers the perfect way to enjoy the city — whether you're seeing it for the first time or 500th. Several companies, including Wendella Tours and Cruises and Shoreline Sightseeing Company, will take you up and down the Chicago River, citing historical and interesting facts about how some of the world's most iconic buildings came to be. Pickup points vary across the city, and many boats offer a full bar, so you can sip while you learn.

Go to the beach

Drive along Lake Shore Drive, and you can't miss the thousands of boats that dwell in the multiple Chicago harbors. Take a walk along the lakefront or head to the beachfront with a chair and book while watching boats pass by one of the city's beaches, like Montrose, North Avenue, or Oak Street. On Aug. 10 and 11, head to the lake and watch the Chicago Air and Water Show — but be warned, it gets crowded.

Rent a boat

If renting a boat is more your style, countless companies offer a range of boats for a day on the lake or river, from speed boats to pontoons to sailboats. You can work directly with boat owners on websites like GetMyBoat or Boatsetter or rent through established local boat companies, like Chicago Electric Boat Company or Knot My Boat Charters. Either way, most offer a captained or non-captained option for both new and seasoned boaters and

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Choose one of Chicago's lakefront beaches to go for a swim or relax on the sand.



Have an adventure kayaking down the Chicago River to enjoy a personal view of the city. (Joshua Mellin)

Someone to know | From scary stories to fairy tales

Beth Sexton is ready to show you adorable Wee Forest Folk and reveal the latest designs from Nora Fleming at Fairy Tales, a Lombard gift shop.

However, she wasn't always this smiling saleslady. Until two years ago, "I was the scary woman who was going to tell you awful things," she says of her 25 years as a DuPage County judge. After retiring, she has taken a very different career path.

Getting started

"I wanted to be a horse trainer," says Sexton of her childhood ambitions. However, reality set in and she went to college and graduated with a history major. "The first two years of college, I had a lot of fun but then I really focused and worked hard to get a 4.0 for my last two years. I remember thinking that maybe I would make a good lawyer."

From 1977 until 1982, Sexton worked as a paralegal and began to see the lawyer role as a real possibility. She returned to graduate school and earned her law degree. She also married Mike, another attorney. After several years of practicing as a lawyer, she became a judge.



Beth Sexton went from being a full-time DuPage County judge to working part-time at the whimsical Fairy Tales in downtown Lombard.

"Most of my years as a judge were spent in the domestic relations division," she explains. She presided over divorces, separations, child support and orders of protection. "People came to me expecting bad news. They were thinking I was going to take their kids away, put them in jail, make them pay money." Sexton had to make hard decisions and deal with difficult marriage and family situations. "I got up every day knowing that I was going to have to fight with people. Every day was angst-filled," she says. "I would go home and look at my husband Mike and think, wow, I really won the lottery with this guy."

Sexton says she developed a stern voice after years as a judge but tried to soften the mood for the people who came to her courtroom. "I am pretty short so when people came in, all they could see of me was my face, so I always wore fun glasses and earrings so they would have something to focus on and maybe be a little less scared."

Sexton spent some of her last years as a judge for pro se litigants referring to people representing themselves in a divorce. "At the time, it was really not done very often but a lot of people can't afford a lawyer, especially young people. If there is no property involved, it is possible to do the divorce yourself."

"I spent my last year as a judge in traffic court," continues Sexton. "People driving without licenses and all sorts of things. Every day was an adventure." Coping with stress was possible due to what Sexton calls her "work family," all of the support staff

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Chicago history lives here

Long-time retirement communities have a caring story to tell



The original butternut paneling in the King-Bruwaert House great room has been carefully preserved since its opening in 1933.

Even by 1862 standards, a donation of 26 cents doesn't seem like much. But it was just enough back then to jumpstart a campaign to build the Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights.

The gift was in response to a sermon by the Rev. August Reinke that was focused on the obligation of the congregation to care for its aging members. The fundraising effort was successful, and the Lutheran Home welcomed its first residents in 1893.

Since then, the Lutheran Home and its parent organization Luther Life Communities has evolved and grown. The nonprofit group now includes four senior living campuses, home care services, an adult day club, an intergenerational childcare program and senior move management at some of its locations.

"We are all about caring for the greater community," says Sloan Bentley, president and CEO at Lutheran Life Communities. "We are here to serve."

That mission of service is a common thread that runs throughout the history of many long-time Chicago area retirement communities. A number of the communities were started in the late 1800s and early 1900s to serve the older members of religious or ethnic groups. They felt it was their mission to care for their own elders at a time before seniors enjoyed the benefits of Medicare or Social Security.

Immigration's impact

A look back at long-established retirement communities also reflects the history of the Chicago area with its various waves of immigration and notable local figures who helped to create homes for the aging as a humanitarian mission.

In 1891, the Society of the Danish Old People's Home was founded by 12 women of Danish descent. The following year a frame house was purchased in Chicago's Norwood Park neighborhood where the modern Danish Home now stands.

The Daughters of the British Empire founded the British Home for Retired Men and Women in 1920. The group wanted to help seniors who had served as butlers and housekeepers but could not afford elder care.

Two years later, Samuel Insull, the historic Chicago utilities and electric rail magnate originally from England, donated 10 acres of land in west suburban Brookfield for the construction of a retirement community. The British Home opened there in 1925 and is the site of the current campus. It is adjacent to Brookfield Zoo, which is on land donated by Edith Rockefeller McCormick, daughter of Standard Oil co-founder John D. Rockefeller.

In 2012, the British Home was renamed Cantata Adult Services. "Our vision is to help people live their best lives," says Kevin Heraty, chief development officer at the community.

The Scottish Home was opened in 1910 in North Riverside by the Illinois Saint Andrew Society. The community was renamed Caledonia Senior Living and Memory Care in 2017. Gus Noble president of the retirement community says that Caledonia was the Roman Empire's name for Scotland. "We are all about kindness," he adds.

Communities change their names to reflect more modern times and more modern accommodations. A rebranding also underscores the fact that the communities are open to everyone regardless of their background or religious affiliation, which holds true today for all local retirement communities.

Long-time communities cherish their history and stick to their founding values. The Danish Home, for example, still promotes its original mission of "hygge," the Danish word for a cozy feeling, which means the residents are comfortable and cared for.

Notable names

Many campuses trace their history back to the generosity of prominent Chicagoans.



Westminster Place in Evanston is one of three Chicago area communities offered by Presbyterian Homes, founded in 1904.

Presbyterian Homes, founded in 1904, received donations from the McCormicks, the Shedds, the Fields and Kate Buckingham, whose namesake fountain with its colorful water displays sits in Grant Park.

Today, Presbyterian Homes has senior living communities in Evanston, Lake Forest and Arlington Heights.

In 1941, the entrepreneur Alonzo Mather, a descendant of the Puritan minister Cotton Mather, bequeathed his fortune to create a home for "ladies of refinement" who lost their incomes when their husbands passed away. He funded one of the earliest continuing care retirement communities, or life plan communities in Evanston. Today, the Mather organization has projects in Evanston, Wilmette, Arizona and Virginia.

Concern for widows also sparked the creation of the King-Bruwaert House in Burr Ridge. Chicago socialite Suzanne King met Francois Edmond Bruwaert, the French Consul General to Chicago, at the Columbian Exposition of 1893. They married and after her husband's death, Mrs. Bruwaert left $2.5 million to build a retirement home for senior women.

Modeled after European estates, the three-story Georgian-style manor home opened in 1933. The building has since been carefully maintained to preserve original details such as butternut wood paneling in the library and great room.

Harkening back to its mission to reflect European influences along with a commitment to quality care, the King-Bruwaert House recently opened 43 luxury apartment homes on its campus. New amenities include a restaurant, fitness center and two-story atrium.

100 years of service

Smith Senior Living celebrates its centennial this year with a traveling exhibit that commemorates a century of caring for older adults. The organization sponsors two local retirement communities, Smith Village in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood and Smith Crossing in Orland Park.

The Smith communities have their roots in the Oakhaven Old People's Home, which opened in 1924 on the same block where Smith Village stands today. A gift of $1.74 million in 1929 from the estate of Chicago philanthropist Emilie Jane Smith helped to secure the community's future, which was renamed the Washington and Jane Smith Home to honor her parents. The name was later changed to Smith Village.

Over the years, the campus expanded six times to adapt to the changing needs of seniors. Smith Crossing opened in 2011 and was expanded in 2020.

The traveling exhibit depicts world and local events along with changing attitudes on aging and the evolution of senior living. The exhibit is being featured at The Beverly Arts Center through Saturday, June 29. The exhibit will be on display at the Orland Park Library from Sept. 6 through Oct. 28.

Kevin McGee, president and CEO at Smith Senior Living, says that the exhibit reminds us how certain milestones have improved the lives of older adults. He adds that the community's goal is to live up to the spirit and mission of what the founders had planned. "I believe they would be proud," he says.

Jeanne Foley is living proof of Smith Village's connection to the past. She moved into the community in 2022 after working there for 17 years as director of resident services. Before that, earlier generations of her family lived at Smith Village, including her mother, godmother and cousin.

Reflecting on how her personal history dovetails with that of the 100-year-old community, she says, "Smith Village is like an extended family. It's a very friendly place that has real community spirit."



Founded by the Illinois St. Andrew Society in 1910, this 1917 architects' rendering of the Scottish Home shows the new building after the original was destroyed by fire. In 2017, the community was renamed Caledonia Senior Living.



Smith Village traces its roots to the Oakhaven Old People's Home, located in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, pictured here n 1924.



The Evangelical Lutheran "Old Folks Home" opened its doors in Arlington Heights in 1893.

"We are all about caring for the greater community. We are here to serve."
— Sloan Bentley, president and CEO at Lutheran Life Communities







Having a ball | Nothing minor about the fun, entertainment and talent of these baseball teams

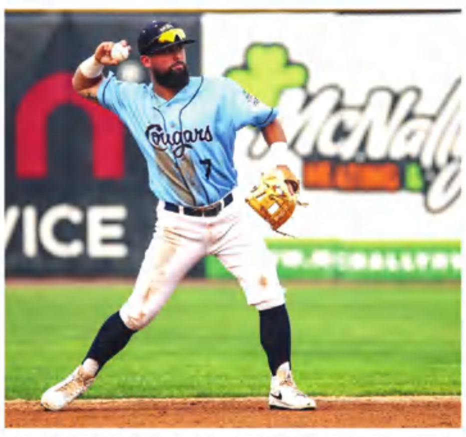
Most area baseball enthusiasts likely either root, root, root for the Cubs or the White Sox. However, actually attending a game at Wrigley Field or Guaranteed Rate Field — let alone multiple games every year — can be a challenge.

Fortunately, there's plenty minor league baseball to catch — probably within a reasonable drive from where you live. But most of all, the baseball is good. And there's entertainment aplenty before, during and even after the game.

Here's a rundown of each minor league club in the Chicago metro area.



The plaza in front of Wintrust Field Stadium where the Schaumburg Boomers play.



Alex Craig, Schaumburg Boomers



Josh Allen, Kane County Cougars

Chicago Dogs

Stadium: Impact Field, Rosemont

League: American Association of Professional Baseball (Official partner of Major League Baseball)

Mascot: Squeeze (who resembles a squeeze bottle of mustard)

Popular fan-friendly activity: The team hosts 15 fireworks displays and 12 theme nights, ranging from Jimmy Buffett and Elvis to Star Wars and Bark at the Ballpark — all complete with fan giveaways.

Dogs alumni: Carlos Zambrano, Butch Hobson, Charlie Tilson, Kenny Wilson, Stevie Wilkerson, Joe Wieland, Jake Newberry.

About the team: The Dogs' inaugural season was 2018. They play in the American Association East Division; their divisional opponents include the Kane County Cougars and the Gary SouthShore RailCats. The Dogs' first manager was Butch Hobson, who played for three major league teams and was the Boston Red Sox manager from 1992 to 1994. In 2019, longtime Cubs star pitcher Carlos Zambrano signed with the Dogs and posted a 4-1 record. It would end up being Zambrano's final season in baseball as he retired in January, 2020. Last season, the Dogs advanced to the American Association Wolff Cup finals after winning the divisional championship.

Teams strengths this season: "This season, the Chicago Dogs have a new group of ambitious, committed players. We have solid starting pitchers, followed up by good arms coming out of the bullpen, and we're a fast team known for stealing bases. We're lucky to have a lot of versatility with our lineup this year that allows for incredible flexibility throughout the season. I'm really excited for a great year." – Jeff Isom, manager

Joliet Slammers

Stadium: Duly Health and Care Field, Joliet

League: Frontier League

Mascots: Spikes and J.L. Bird

Popular fan-friendly activity: The Milano Bread Toss. Bun rolls, courtesy of the Milano Bakery (established in 1915 in Joliet), are tossed into the crowd.

Slammers alumni: Billy Petrick, Nick Lovullo, Joe Ortiz, Ian Krol, Jake Sanchez, Tyler Jay.

About the team: The Slammers were founded in 2010, replacing the Joliet JackHammers. The team name originates from the prisons in Joliet (Joliet Correctional Center) and in nearby Crest Hill (Stateville Correctional Center). The Slammers, who compete in the Frontier League's West Division along with the Schaumburg Boomers and Windy City Thunderbolts, won the Frontier League championship in their inaugural season (2011) and took the league title again in 2018. In January, the team announced that an investment group led by Mike Veeck — the son of legendary major league owner Bill Veeck — comedian Bill Murray and Night Train Veeck, Mike's son, purchased a controlling stake in the team.

Team's strengths this season: "The team should have a very strong starting rotation with experienced all-stars and league record holders at the top, as well as an experienced lineup with a solid mix of contact, speed and power." – Mike Pinto, manager

Kane County Cougars

Stadium: Northwestern Medicine Field, Geneva

League: American Association of Professional Baseball (Official partner of Major League Baseball)

Mascots: Ozzie T. Cougar and Annie T. Cougar

Popular fan-friendly activity: The Battle Balls. Two fans run at each other in giant inflatable balls. There are two cones and each person starts at a cone. They then run at each other and try to knock the other person down. After doing that, they race to the opposite cone.

Cougars alumni: Miguel Cabrera, Josh Beckett, Kyle Schwarber, Willson Contreras, Nelson Cruz, Adrian Gonzalez, Albert Almora, Jazz Chisholm, Alek Thomas.

About the team: Kane County is the most established minor league team in the area. The Wausau Timbers of the Midwest League moved to Geneva in 1991 and became the Cougars. Over the years, a plethora of major-leaguers whose names you'll likely recognize have played for the Cougars, who've been the minor league affiliate of five different MLB teams, including the Cubs (2013 and 2014). Like all minor league teams, the Cougars didn't play in 2020 due to the pandemic. MLB reorganized its minor league system after the pandemic, and the Cougars were cut from the Midwest League.

Team's strengths this season: "At this point, our starting pitching looks really good. Our pitching in general looks solid with the return of right-handed pitchers Westin Muir, Jack Fox and Logan Nissen. We've also added left-handers Tommy Sommer and Jordan Martinson. We are still finalizing our roster (at press time), but the return of veteran infielders Galli Cribbs Jr. and Josh Allen will be the backbone of the position players." – Curtis Haug, general manager and team vice president

Schaumburg Boomers

Stadium: Wintrust Field, Schaumburg

League: Frontier League

Mascot: Coop the Boomer

Popular fan-friendly activity: The Aerosol Can Race. Three fans are chosen for the race. Each dress in a costume that says Sunscreen, Shave Cream or Insect Repellent on the outside of the costume. They start in right field, race to left field, and then sprint down the left field line to the finish line, which is home plate.

Boomers alumni: Jake Cousins, Willy Garcia, Braxton Davidson, Justin Erasmus.

About the Boomers: The Boomers were founded in 2011, replacing the now-defunct Schaumburg Flyers. Schaumburg has been one of the most successful teams in the Frontier League the past several years, winning the league championship four times since 2012 (most recent in 2021). Jamie Bennett, the only manager the team has ever had, guided the Boomers to those four titles.

Team's strengths this season: "One of our biggest assets this season, in my opinion, will be our experience. While we have added some talent that I am very excited about, we have retained a lot of experience from a club that has been to the playoffs several times and knows how to win. Those guys that have been there and help create a positive and winning environment." – Jamie Bennett, manager

Windy City Thunderbolts

Stadium: Ozinga Field, Crestwood

League affiliation: Frontier League

Mascot: Boomer

Popular fan-friendly activity: "White Castle Catch What You Crave." White Castle sliders are launched off the stadium roof using a bungee cord, on to the field, where a fan tries to catch them in a net down the left field line.

Thunderbolts alumni: Dylan Axelrod, Chris Oxspring, Andrew Werner, Tommy Nance, Josh Spence.

About the Thunderbolts: A new ownership group took over what was then the Cook County Cheetahs in 2004, and changed the name of the team to the Thunderbolts. The Thunderbolts won the 2008 Frontier League championship after sporting a 60-36 record during the regular season. The club made headlines last October when Bobby Jenks — the closer on the 2005 World Series Champion White Sox — was named manager. He is in his first season with the Thunderbolts.

Team's strengths this season: "Our strengths are our pitching, speed and defense. I think success always starts on the pitcher's mound, and I'm really excited about the deep staff we assembled this year. Offensively, we're going to take advantage of our ballpark with some great contact hitters and speed up and down the lineup." – Bobby Jenks, manager

Gary SouthShore RailCats

Stadium: U.S. Steel Yard, Gary, Indiana

League: American Association of Professional Baseball (Official partner of Major League Baseball)

Mascot: Rusty the Railcat

Popular fan-friendly activity: The RailCats have 14 fireworks shows, as well as nine giveaways during the season, including backpacks, replica jerseys and beach towels. They also host a Star Wars Night, Bark in the Park, and Country Night.

RailCats alumni: Randall Simon, Garry Templeton, Wes Chamberlain, Brad Halsey, Tim Byrdak.

About the team: The Northern League awarded the City of Gary and the RailCats a franchise in 2001. The team, however, played its first season in 2002 entirely on the road because construction of a new stadium was behind schedule. Garry Templeton, a two-time MLB all-star shortstop who played for St. Louis, San Diego and the New York Mets, was the RailCats' manager from 2003 to 2004. The RailCats joined the American Association for the 2011 season, and won a league championship in 2013. Lamarr Rogers, now in his third season as the RailCats' manager, is hoping to lead the team this summer to its first winning season since 2018.

Treat dad to an all-day menu of sweet and savory favorites

A truism: In most instances, the way to a man's heart is to feed him good food. Father's Day is an opportunity to show your love with desserts and dishes any man would love.

Wake up with breakfast or brunch on the patio, highlighted by Apple and Date Muffins you can prepare fresh or bake ahead of time. For lunch, offer up Apple, Bacon and Brie Cheese Toasties featuring the perfect pairing of sweet with savory. Wind down the day with Stilton Cheese Pizza, an ultimate family favorite and shareable solution. Finally, cap off the special day with a slice of Classic Apple Lattice Tart served with a scoop of ice cream.

Visit envyapple.com to find more recipe inspiration.

Family Features



Apple and Date Muffins

Servings: 12

- 2 Envy Apples
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup bran flakes
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped dates
- 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3/4 cup milk
- butter or powdered sugar, for serving (optional)

Preheat oven to 375 F and line muffin pan with cupcake papers.

Peel and core apples and dice finely; toss with maple syrup.

In large bowl, combine flour, bran flakes, brown sugar, dates, pumpkin pie spice and baking powder; mix well.

In separate bowl, whisk melted butter, egg and milk.

Add half maple-apple mixture to dry ingredients.

Pour wet ingredients into dry and fold together until mixed. Spoon evenly into muffin tin cupcake papers. Add 1 teaspoon remaining maple-apple mixture to top of each muffin.

Bake 20-25 minutes until muffin mix is set and apple topping is golden. Allow muffins to cool 5 minutes before removing from tin.

Serve with butter or dust with powdered sugar, if desired.



Apple, Bacon and Brie Cheese Toasties

Servings: 2

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 4 slices sourdough bread
- 1 teaspoon honey mustard, plus additional for serving (optional)
- 4 slices cooked bacon
- 1 Envy Apple, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
- 1 3/4 ounces brie cheese, sliced
- side salad, for serving (optional)

Butter one side of each bread slice. Lay out two slices bread, buttered sides down. Top with honey mustard then layer with two bacon slices, apple slices and brie cheese slices. Top with remaining slices bread, buttered sides up, to create two sandwiches.

Heat grill pan or frying pan and cook sandwiches until golden brown on each side and cheese is beginning to bubble.

Cut sandwiches in half and serve with side salad or extra honey mustard, if desired.

Stilton Cheese Pizza

Yield: 1 pizza

- 1 tablespoon pizza sauce
- 1 tablespoon sweet chili sauce
- 1 store-bought pizza crust
- 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1/3 cup stilton cheese, divided
- 1 Envy Apple
- 4 slices prosciutto
- fresh arugula leaves, for garnish
- fresh basil, for garnish
- toasted walnuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 450 F.

Combine pizza sauce and sweet chili sauce. Spread sauce over pizza crust. Sprinkle with half of the mozzarella cheese and half of the stilton cheese.

Cut apple in half then core and slice into thin wedges. Arrange apple over cheese then top with remaining cheese.

Cook pizza 7-10 minutes until pale golden and starting to bubble. Add prosciutto and cook 2-3 minutes until golden and bubbling.

Serve with fresh arugula and basil. Sprinkle with toasted walnuts, if desired.



Classic Apple Lattice Tart

Servings: 8-10

- 2-3 sheets puff pastry dough
- 5 Envy Apples
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon sugar
- ice cream, custard or cream, for serving (optional)

Preheat oven to 365 F.

Use two sheets semi-thawed pastry to line fluted tart pan approximately 10 inches, pressing and trimming neatly to fit; chill 15 minutes.

Peel, core and thinly slice apples into large bowl; sprinkle with sugar, lemon zest and cornstarch then toss well to evenly coat.

Arrange apple slices in pastry-lined tart pan, laying flat. Beat egg with milk. Brush egg wash around pastry rim.

Cut 1/2-inch strips from remaining pastry sheet and make lattice pattern over apples, crimping edges once lattice is completed. Brush tart with egg wash and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

Bake 35-40 minutes, or until pastry is golden. Allow to cool at least 15 minutes before slicing. Serve with ice cream, custard or cream, if desired.

PRIMETIME

GEAR WISE



Essential superfoods

The term "superfood" has become somewhat of a buzzword in the health and wellness industry, but there's some truth behind the hype. While no food can check all the boxes for perfect health, certain foods are packed with essential nutrients that offer major health benefits, especially for older adults.

Making a superfood a part of your regular diet may prevent chronic disease and improve overall health and well-being, according to the National Council on Aging.

There isn't a food that can definitively reverse the aging process, but incorporating certain superfoods into your diet can support healthy aging. Below, is a list of a few examples of superfoods known for their health benefits.

Blueberries. Blueberries are rich in antioxidants and have been linked to improved memory and decreasing the risk of heart disease, premature death, and type 2 diabetes. Furthermore, their high antioxidant content protects the skin from environmental and UV damage, reducing signs of aging such as wrinkles and age spots.
Use blueberries in smoothies, in your cereal bowl or topped with vanilla yogurt.
Fun fact: Cranberries, tart cherries, raspberries, and acai berries are superfoods too.

Salmon. Salmon is known for its high content of omega-3 fatty acids, which offers numerous health benefits, including decreasing the risk of chronic diseases and reducing inflammation. If you're not a fan of salmon, try putting a few fillets in a pan with cooking spray, drizzle with a maple syrup and balsamic vinegar glaze, and roast in a 450 oven for 20 minutes. Or add 1-inch cubes of fresh salmon to your favorite marinara sauce, poach for two minutes and serve over fettuccine noodles.

Avocado. By the 1980s, avocados spread across the U.S., most notably from California with the popular Hass avocado, which went from experimental cultivation in the 1920s by a Los Angeles postman Rudolf Hass, to being a patented variety by Hass in the 1930s. Today, they're a trendy superfood, and for good reason. Avocados are filled with vitamins C, E, K, and B6. They're also a great source of healthy fats, which can help promote a youthful appearance by nourishing the skin.

Try using them for a dip, in deviled eggs or as a replacement for mayo in tuna salad.

Leafy greens. Leafy greens like spinach, kale, and Swiss chard contain essential vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants, including vitamins A, C, and E. These vitamins protect the heart, manage blood pressure levels, and maintain healthy skin and vision.

Leafy greens also have a ton of vitamin K. While this is great for promoting the healing of wounds, individuals taking blood-thinning medications should be careful about their vitamin K intake and consult a health care professional before incorporating leafy greens into their diet.











A Celebration River Cruise travels the Mississippi by the paddlewheel boat Celebration Belle. (Susan Yarolem)

RIVER FEVER

Travel the Great River Road in Illinois/Iowa

Running along the length of the Mississippi River, the Great River Road National Scenic Byway is a 3,000-mile highway starting in northern Minnesota, heading south through river towns, farmsteads, historic sites and nature preserves, ending in New Orleans.

But for Chicago-area travelers, the 87-mile stretch from Galena, Illinois, to Quad cities in Illinois/Iowa, the Great River Road is a panoramic, short-trip excursion into America's Heartland.

The highways 20/84 have well-marked road signs that roughly follow the wide and winding river, while bridges connect the two states in Savanna, Fulton and Rapids City — all in Illinois — plus three more in Quad Cities, Iowa.

"Visitors can enjoy panoramic views of the Mississippi River from atop limestone bluffs or take a walk on trails right along the shore," says Jessica O'Riley, communications manager for Iowa Tourism Office/Iowa Economic Development Office. "(In fall), State parks and forests turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red."

For information, visit experiencemississippiriver.com.

Get started in Galena

About three hours from Chicago, rural Galena sits among scenic overlooks where one can view hilly vistas, bottomlands and in summer, the quilt-like look of lush, cultivated farmlands. When taking a trip to see fall colors, watch the corn and soybean farmers work their fields with huge harvesting machines.

Nineteenth-century buildings line Galena's Main Street with more than 100 gift shops, ice cream parlors, spas, wine tastings and restaurants. By far, the DeSoto House Hotel is the most well-known inn in Galena, offering 55 guest rooms, a ballroom, specialty shops and three restaurants. The hotel opened in 1855 when Galena was a major mining and trade center region.

"The DeSoto House Hotel is rich in history. We are the oldest operating hotel in the state of Illinois. Many famous individuals have visited the DeSoto House, such as Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant," says Diane Feldermann, DeSoto House sales and marketing manager.

For information, go to visitgalena.org.

Mississippi Palisades Park

Driving south on the designated Illinois scenic highway, Mississippi Palisades State Park in Savanna, Illinois, spreads across 2,500 acres, featuring lofty, steep cliffs and rock formations carved out by erosion, according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Ferns grow in deep-wooded ravines, and white birch trees are found in the park's northern region, while trillium, bluebell, lobelia, shooting star and yellow ladies' slipper bloom in spring and summer. Gracefully flying above the river, eagles hunt in January and February, while waterfowl and shorebirds are many, such as wild turkeys and pileated woodpeckers.

An occasional badger can be seen in Palisades State Park, as well as white-tailed deer, gray squirrel, skunk, muskrat, weasel, mink, gray and red fox and woodchuck. In 1973, the U.S. Interior Department designated the acreage's wild sanctuary as a national landmark.

For information, visit dnr.illinois.gov.

Celebration river cruises

Arriving in the Quad Cities of Davenport, Bettendorf, Rock Island and Moline, the Celebration River Cruises are special opportunities to see the Mississippi's vast waterways in a single day.

Most paddlewheel boat cruises leave the dock at 2501 River Drive in Moline and depending on the voyage type, such as narrated sightseeing or served with meals or number of hours on board, individual tickets cost $20 to $198. The Celebration Belle holds 750 passengers and sets sail from April through October with an abbreviated schedule in November.

James White, of Stanwood, Iowa, took his first river journey in 2018. "The fall cruises are beautiful all along the Mississippi. One fall trip went through the river lock and dam locations," he says. "The night lighting on the bridge in Muscatine, Iowa, changes colors, and I have more than 100 quests I've taken on these cruises."

Other types of boat excursions include themed lunch cruises, such as Christian music, fall foliage or holiday cheer, and special events for schools, corporations, reunions and weddings.

"Cruising on the Celebration Belle, you can also experience the Mississippi River between the Quad Cities and Dubuque, Iowa, on our 100-mile day-long cruise," says Susan Yarolem, director of sales and marketing for Celebration River Cruises. "The scenic views along this route are breathtaking. You'll take in the bluffs, wildlife and learn about the historic river towns along the way including experience locking thru the lock and dams on your journey."

For more information, go to celebrationbelle.com.

Quad Cities doings

The Quad City Bandits are a minor-league baseball team and the Kansas City Royals' Class A affiliate. The Bandits' playing field, Modern Woodmen Park at 209 Gaines St., Davenport, Iowa, was built in 1931 and features a carousel, a Ferris wheel and many amusement rides. The Centennial Bridge over the Mississippi River is behind right field.

In March of this year, "USA Today 10 Best Readers' Choice 2024" named Modern Woodmen Park as the best minor league ballpark in the country.

Also, between Quad Cities and Galena on the Great River Road, is Iowa's Bellevue State Park where travelers can view the Mississippi River from an overlook. The enclosed nature center and open butterfly sanctuary show wildlife and plants, while three miles of trails offer scenic views of the Mississippi River and restored prairie. The park also provides camping. For more information, visit iowadnr.gov.

Just north of Quad Cities, the riverside town of LeClaire "exudes turn-of-the-century charm and elegance," says Cindy Bruhn, LeClaire Tourism Manager, also pointing out the Buffalo Bill Museum and American Pickers' Antique Archaeology of curated antiques, vintage furniture, decor and collectibles at 115 1/2 Davenport St. The two-story shop is the home base for the "American Pickers" show on The History Channel. Libations Lane features Wide River Winery Tasting Room, Mississippi River Distilling Co. and Green Tree Brewery.

The 37th Tug Fest Aug. 8-10 in LeClair, includes carnival rides, food, live entertainment, parades and fireworks. "What makes Tug Fest truly unique is the fact that it is the only Tug-of-War event in the country between two states and the only event that closes the Mississippi River," states a press release from Bruhn's office.

For more information, visit visitleclaire.com

Learn about the Great River

The Mississippi River Eco Tourism Center in Camanche, Iowa, highlights the Mississippi River's history and the people's lives it supports.

An 8,000-gallon aquarium is stocked with local river fish species. Patrons can rent a canoe, paddleboat or kayak to explore the backwaters or accompany a naturalist aboard the Blue Heron pontoon boat for an ecosystem tour. The center is at 3942 291st St.

The center also has a camp store and cafe, 200-seat community meeting room, a 30-seat meeting room and theater, large deck overlooking backwaters and a marina.

For more information, visit mycountyparks.com.



Mississippi Palisades State Park is 2,500 acres in Savanna, Illinois.

> "Every day was angst-filled. I would go home and look at my husband Mike and think, wow, I really won the lottery with this guy."
> — Beth Sexton

SOMEONE

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and others at the courthouse. She became very close with them over two decades.

Making a change

Sexton's husband retired to help care for his aging mother. Sexton decided she could help and retired also. When his mother passed away more quickly than they imagined, Sexton was faced with a new challenge.

"I love my husband but that doesn't mean I have to sit at home with him all day," she explains. "When I retired, I lost my work family. I was used to talking to people all day and suddenly, I had no one to talk to."

As she struggled to find a new path, Sexton wandered into Fairy Tales, one of her favorite shops in Lombard that has been family-owned for 35 years.

"I really like Nora Fleming and they carried her things, so I went there often and got to know the owners. They recognized me and one of the owners said, 'Hey, you want a job?' and I said, 'yeah, I kinda do'."

So the judge became a saleslady but the transition was a challenge. "The customers who came in all wanted me to be happy. That was a change." And some people can be rude, she observes. "If they spoke to me like that in my courtroom, they would go to jail," she notes. Sexton learned to grin and bear it but claims it took more than a year to adjust.

"I used to be a scary woman but now I work among 6,000 square feet of lovely gifts," she says. "I meet people every day and we talk. We decorate the store seasonally and we have four Christmas trees up all year round. I laugh all day long."

Aging with reluctance

"I am convinced that sitting around is no way to live," claims Sexton. "I work out. I meet people. I am even going to learn how to play pickleball."

Sexton still revels in wearing interesting glasses and earrings. "I am also going to be blond until I die," she says referring to what she calls her "quarterly blonding" when she gets her hair colored.

"People in their 60s and beyond have so much to offer young people," continues Sexton. "I work with young people and I don't believe in all this gentle parenting." When she heard of a young person stealing a shopping cart, she was clear about her opinion that the cart needed to be returned. She also is comfortable voicing a negative opinion about young people with multiple facial piercings. "Young people tell me that I am judgmental and I guess I am but sometimes opinions need to be heard."

Sexton also is concerned that some young people haven't been taught how to greet people properly or exercise good phone etiquette. "They communicate by texting more than talking," she says. She actively helps young people to be better communicators by setting an example for them on the job.

Sexton feels fortunate to be a part of Fairy Tales where she has experienced a new career path. She says that 85% of the store's business is internet-based. "We were sending out 500 boxes a day during Christmas," she says with pride.

"If you are physically able, you should keep going as long as you can," sums up Sexton. "I am not going gently into old age."

Opening doors | One organization focuses on the practicality of easy access for those with disabilities

Shortly before his 30th birthday, Eric Lipp had a life changing experience. "I felt a pain in my neck that wouldn't go away. It turned out to be a spinal cord tumor so I had surgery to remove it. That surgery left me with a disability."

Like others going through life with a disability, Lipp began to see barriers that he didn't know existed before. He realized that things like revolving doors, staircases into rooms, and hallways too narrow for a wheelchair are barriers for disabled people. He also realized the need for a source of information to help people with disabilities navigate the world, so he founded the non-profit Open Doors Organization 24 years ago in Chicago, which led to the organization's Easy Access Chicago Guide.

Lipp's plan was to issue a guide that gave information about hotels, museums, restaurants and other locations that were accessible for people with disabilities. The guide would be helpful for people with disabilities but also for spouses, parents and caregivers of disabled people. He was optimistic that the guide would also encourage other establishments to take steps to become more accessible.



Eric Lipp (left), the founder of Open Doors, and Constantine Zografopoulos, a consultant for the organization, check out Navy Pier in Chicago. Lipp says the location has great accessibility after a recent remodel. (Matthew Gilson)

A plan to get noticed

"I wanted to think that people would just step up and want to help people with disabilities for the good of humanity, but I knew that things don't always work that way. I knew if there was a way people could help others as well as make money, I might be more successful," explains Lipp. He put together a study on how much money people with disabilities spend on travel using multiple resources including the well-respected Harris Poll.

The results from the study revealed that people with disabilities are active travelers worthy of attention. The report has been updated several times and the most recent update from 2020 noted that in "the past two years, 27 million travelers with disabilities had taken a total of 81 million trips and spent a total of $58.7 billion." Open Doors Organization is currently working on updating the study results with plans to release it in September 2024.

The original poll that was released in the first year after he founded the organization was Lipp's first victory because it was read by a large audience including being mentioned in the Wall Street Journal. Lipp and his Open Doors Organization had gotten the attention of the tour and travel industry. Lipp became a source for insight on how to address barriers for travelers with disabilities. He is on the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board and is invited to give his input across the United States and abroad.

"The airlines call me their critical friend," says Lipp. "I can provide a different perspective for them." He has worked with 70 airports and 65 carriers around the world to address accessibility issues.

"Eric Lipp's commitment and dedication to truly accessible air travel is inspiring," says Xochitl Rodriguez, ADA Compliance Officer for the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA), which owns and operates both O'Hare and Midway International Airport. "I've had the privilege of working closely with Eric and Open Doors Organization, and his team has contributed to my growth in this role as ADA coordinator for Chicago's airports, and to the long-term accessibility plans for the CDA."

Travel realities

Even though there are laws to provide accessibility for people with disabilities, Lipp says "there has to be a way to enforce those laws."

For example, he explains that policy states that wheelchairs have priority in the storage closet in an aircraft. "But when a person with a disability gets on the plane and is told that there is no room, there is no recourse. When your wheelchair goes into the bottom of the aircraft, it is like someone has taken your legs away," he says. "There is no way of knowing when it will come back or if it will be damaged. There is great comfort in knowing that your wheelchair is in the closet right on the plane with you. When I can explain this to others, they begin to understand and make things better."

Lipp has also learned to ask very specific questions. Even if a hotel claims to be ADA accessible, it might not provide specific needs. Someone who is unable to get in or out of a bed without help may need to travel with a Hoyer lift.

"Unless the bed frame is an open frame that the lift can fit under, the room really isn't quadriplegic accessible," he notes. "The best way to find out is to call before you go and talk to someone in maintenance or housekeeping, not the front desk or reservations. Look for the people who can give the best information."

Lipp notes that Amtrak "is a great option for traveling with disabilities. It is possible to wheel right onto the train. There is also no TSA. Going through security at an airport is both time consuming and degrading for people with disabilities. Amtrak has caught on with wider aisles and other accommodations," he explains.

Using the guide

When Open Doors Organization printed the first Easy Access Chicago Guide over two decades ago, all 20,000 copies were quickly scooped up. "We realized that the title, Easy Access Chicago, was something that everyone wanted whether they had a disability or not," he explains. Since that time, the guide has changed to an online resource that is easier to update and keep current. It is filled with helpful information for lodging, attractions, restaurants and transportation.

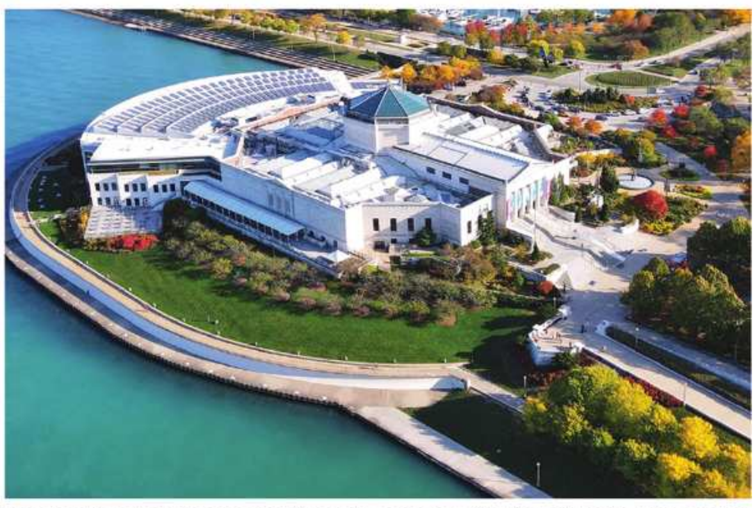
For example, the listing for the Art Institute of Chicago describes where to find accessible parking, the availability of both braille and large print guides and a pathfinder system that allows visitors to map out an accessible route through the museum. The entry about Soldier Field explains how to access one of the more than 50 wheelchair spots and has information about a free accessible shuttle from nearby parking garages. The restaurant list includes places where the waiter will read the menu on request and note where the entrance, hallway and restrooms are all accessible.

The guide is available at easyaccesschicago.org.

Travel widely with these money-saving strategies

Many view the empty nester or senior citizen life stage as a time to indulge wanderlust. Of course, travel can be an expensive pastime, and globetrotting without budgetary restraint can quickly deplete available funds. You will travel farther, and your money will go much further, if you stick to the money-saving tips of travel experts.


Stop in for a tasting at Blue Sky Winery, one of 11 wineries along the 40-mile Shawnee Hills Wine Trail.


Check Chicago museums for free days, such as the Shedd Aquarium, which offers several free Tuesday evenings in June.


Utah's Zion National Park offers free shuttle service throughout the park in season, saving money on car costs.

Chicago, Illinois-based travel blogger Janice Moskoff, GatherandGoTravel.com blogsite creator and veteran of trips to more than 50 nations, is among those travelers 50-and-up who are "keenly aware of needing to keep to a budget," she says. "Given this, my number one recommendation for affordable trips for older adults age 50-plus is visiting one or several of the 63 U.S. National Parks."

Moskoff recommends driving to national parks, which can cost much less than flying and renting a car. If you need to fly, schedule flights on Tuesday or Wednesday, which cost less than weekend or near-weekend fares. Look for the first or last flights of the day, for which there is less demand and therefore less expense.

"Reserve a no-obligation rental car through a warehouse club like Costco Travel, or via a rental car comparison platform like AutoSlash," Moskoff says. "Requote the rental a few weeks before a trip. There's a good chance of finding a better deal."

Consider visiting parks providing free transportation. Acadia National Park, Zion National Park and Glacier National Park offer free shuttle services in season. "Dates vary by park and are subject to change," Moskoff says, adding this allows "you to leave the driving to someone else and enjoy huge swaths of a park without needing a car."

For the best deals and greatest lodging availability in national parks, visit just before or after summer, such as in September or October.

"As on-site national park lodging is limited, in-demand and often surprisingly affordable, depending on the park, it is essential to plan national park trips a year or more in advance," Moskoff says. "As a backup, search for well-priced lodging at nearby campgrounds. Campgrounds and RV parks near national parks often offer rustic, economical cabins, giving guests access to the same convenient and desirable amenities, like restaurants or cafes, organized activities and swimming pools."

A final national parks tip: Any visitor age 62 and up can buy a Lifetime Senior Pass for $80, she says.

Seasoned travelers

Minding the seasons also makes sense when traveling to Europe, the Caribbean or Mexico, says Carol Nichols, Algonquin, Illinois-based vacation travel advisor for Acendas Travel. Avoid Europe in June, July and August, instead visiting in late October or early November. "The weather is still nice and the price will come down," she says.

Choose April or May for your visit to Mexico or the Caribbean. "In January and February, everyone wants to get away from cold weather, and March is busy because of spring break," Nichol says. "April and May, being off-season, offer better value."

If you're a cruise fan, booking cruises through a travel agent can reap significant savings. "We have promotions with certain cruise lines, where we can find an onboard credit, a discounted rate or book the cruise as a group travel vacation, which can save people a lot of money because of connections we have with cruise lines, Nichols says.

If you're a solo traveler, looking for low "single supplements" can not only save money but also provide opportunity to meet other single people traveling alone, Nichols says. A single supplement is a surcharge levied by cruise lines on solo travelers who want to stay alone in a cabin intended for two. Typically, cruise fares are charged at a "per person, double occupancy" basis. A single supplement may add as little as 10% rather than 100%, to the per person double occupancy rate, making it affordable for singles. Some lines catering to solo travelers create socializing opportunities for them, letting solo travelers meet others with the same interests, Nichols says.

Explore Illinois

Another way to save money is to travel within your home state. "People travel to other places before they explore their own backyard, and when they do explore their own backyard, they discover how many hidden gems there are in Illinois," says Daniel Thomas, Chicago, Illinois-based deputy director of the Illinois Office of Tourism.

One such jewel is the Shawnee National Forest, nestled between Ohio and Mississippi rivers in far southern Illinois. This area also features the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail, the zinnia fields of Rendleman Orchards and the Shawnee Hills Lavender farm, among many other attractions. To reach the area, visitors can drive 5-1/2 hours from Chicagoland, or book a 90-minute flight to Marion on Contour Airlines. "The other option is Amtrak," Thomas says. "The fee is $20 to $70 per person for that train ride down to Carbondale, where you're a 10-minute Uber or taxi ride away."

A final money-saving option: Travel a network of Chicago-area museums. "Think of how many across the region have free days for local people," Thomas says.

Senior Housing Notes



Flying high

Recently residents at Villa St. Benedict in Lisle traveled back to the golden age of air travel without leaving home. Historian Leslie Goddard shared a glimpse into the lives of Pan Am stewardesses during her historical portrayal, "Flying High: Betty the Pan Am Stewardess."

Based on the true story about real-life stewardesses for Pan Am, Goddard discussed the strict height, weight and age requirements for Pan Am stewardesses and what it was like for them to prepare gourmet meals in the sky. After the program, residents enjoyed a dessert bar and cocktails.

High performers

For the sixth year in a row, U.S. News and World Report ranked Prairieview at The Garlands of Barrington among the elite 19% of short-term rehabilitation providers nationwide to earn "High Performing" status, the highest possible achievement.

This rating is based on several criteria, including staffing, medical outcomes, resident feedback and processes of care. U.S. News relies on scientific literature review, discussions with industry experts and statistical modeling to select these measures.

"We are so proud of this honor, and we are committed to upholding these standards of the highest in quality care for a our members and their families," says Dawn L. Kempf, Chief Compliance Officer at The Garlands.



Social time

Spring was a busy time of activity for residents at The Roosevelt at Salt Creek in Elmhurst. The community celebrated its first International Cultural Day. Team members shared their favorite traditional recipes for a potluck and other items from different cultures such as music, clothing and art.

During The Roosevelt's inaugural Shop and Sip event, residents sipped wine while shopping for jewelry, beauty products and other items from vendors. In addition, residents marked the 150-year anniversary of the Kentucky Derby with their own celebration of horse racing. The event was complete with tickets, pre-recorded live races, prizes for winners, charcuterie cups and mint juleps.

Meet and greet

Visitors can chat with residents, explore the grounds and ask questions about life at The Lodge of Northbrook during upcoming Open House sessions. The Open House events will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on July 12 and Sept. 13. In addition, attendees can meet The Lodge's new Executive Director Cherie Getlin. Getlin began her 30-year career in senior living as a high school student working as a dining room server at a retirement community.

"I loved working with seniors, listening to their stories and receiving many words of wisdom," Getlin says. She went on to earn both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in health services administration. After graduate school, she became a licensed nursing home administrator.

To register for either Open House session, call 224-306-2967 or email cherie.getlin@transformingage.org.

Workplace award

The Great Place to Work Institute and its senior care partner Activated Insights honored Franciscan Communities with the Great Place to Work certification. The certification process involved surveying all associates from across Franciscan's locations, including Franciscan Village in Lemont, and evaluating more than 60 elements of team members' experience on the job. These included employee pride in the organization's community impact, belief that their work makes a difference and feeling their work has special meaning.

"I am so honored that we've received the Great Place to Work recognition, an achievement of Franciscan Communities commitment of enabling our associates to thrive professionally and personally," says Regina Umanskiy, president and CEO of Franciscan Ministries.



The Water Taxi can be taken to Chinatown. (Joshua Mellin)

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provide different hour slots, depending on the time of day or number of hours you wish to be out. So pack a cooler, put on your bathing suit, and set sail.

Go kayaking

For adventure types, kayaks and paddleboards are available for rent to cruise along the river or lake. Whether you go on a group tour or with just a few other friends, family or on your own, it's a great way to get active and experience the water up close and personal. For those who see themselves going out multiple times a season, Urban Kayaks offers a membership pass, which grants unlimited access to kayaks and paddleboards as well as 50% off tours.

Watch the fireworks

From Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend, the city puts on a fireworks show every Wednesday (9 p.m.) and Saturday (10 p.m.) night at Navy Pier. Whether you're watching from the shore, a rooftop, or a boat, there's nothing quite like watching one of the country's best fireworks displays over gorgeous Lake Michigan.

Dine while you cruise

Perhaps one of the most special ways to enjoy Lake Michigan and the Chicago River is a dinner cruise, reveling at the iconic buildings lit up at night, whether you book an entire boat for a special occasion or purchase tickets for yourself and a loved one. Notably, the Odyssey Chicago River is a glass-enclosed vessel that offers 360 views of the river, but there are plenty of options to choose from with varying price points to tailor your preferred experience.

Walk along the river

Stretching along Wacker Drive from Lake Michigan west to Lake Street, the views from the Riverwalk are some of the city's most stunning, and there isn't a more inexpensive way to enjoy the water. With different benches and steps at varying vantage points, there are multiple entry points at each major intersection, so you can easily pop in and out.

Stop for food, drink

While you're walking the river, stop by one of the many bars and restaurants that line the Riverwalk. Whether you're craving a gelato, cold beer, or glass of wine, there are plenty of options, like the Chicago City Winery, Tiny Tapp, and Chicago Brewhouse. If you're boating, you can pull up, dock, and grab a drink as well. For dinner, book a table at Beatnik On The River, a Bohemian-style restaurant with creative plates. Or pop into The Kitchen for great views of the river and skyscrapers.

Take the Water Taxi

For just $6, you can ride the Chicago Water Taxi to Chinatown to experience some of the city's best Asian fare. The ride is a few short stops, and you can enjoy the scenery as you cruise south. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Chicago Taxi runs every 30 minutes and picks up from points like Ogilvie/Union Station, Michigan Avenue, and, of course, Chinatown.

Long-time businesses

Making it through the passage of time is no easy feat. These places keep adding the years.



Music lovers of all ages come to Old Town School of Folk Music to learn, create and listen. (Old Town School of Folk Music)

Chicago

Old Town School of Folk Music
4544 N. Lincoln Ave.
773-728-6000
oldtownschool.org

Beautiful music has emanated from the Old Town School of Folk Music since 1957 when it first laid down its musical roots, establishing a school and performance space that reflected an interest in folk music that was booming at the time.

Throughout its history, the school has remained committed to a philosophy that music is for everyone. The school has always sought to be a place, as founder Frank Hamilton put it, "where teacher and student would be partners in learning."

Young and old, beginners and skilled players, people from diverse cultures and traditions, join together at the school's two campuses, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. and 4545 N. Lincoln Ave., to learn to play and create music.

During its early years, more than 150 students attended guitar and banjo classes a week. Today, its tuition programs average close to 6,600 students per week, 2,700 of them children.

Over the years, renowned musical artists including Pete Seger, Mahalia Jackson, Jimmy Driftwood, Big Bill Broonzy, and Josh White appeared on stage at the school. Today, the school continues to host top-name performers and offers free concerts dubbed World Music Wednesdays. The school estimates that 85,000 come to these concerts and attend its neighborhood Square Roots festival annually.

While trends in music may change, Jim Newcomb, executive director, says the school has staying power because of its people.

"Sure the place is special," he says. "But it's really the folks who work here and the community of folks gathering, singing, playing guitar, plucking banjos, and dancing together every day."



Heisler's Bootery is one a few remaining independently owned shoe stores that offer custom fitting.

North

Heisler's Bootery
50 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake
815-459-0171
facebook.com/heislersbootery

Heisler's Bootery has been keeping residents of Crystal Lake and beyond in comfortable shoes since about World War I. The business, however, is actually older than that — 116 years old to be precise.

After a warm winter forced him to abandon a job cutting ice on the city's eponymously-named Crystal Lake, John Heisler Sr., a Hungarian immigrant started the business selling harnesses and doing shoe repairs.

"He came to this country with the talent of harness-making," says his grandson, Jim Heisler, who continues to work in the family-owned business." He knew how to handle leather. In those day very few people had tractors, they had horses to farm."

As demand for harnesses waned, Heisler's turned its focus to providing a variety of footwear from such brands as Florsheim, Clarks, Red Wing and SAS.

"We sell all kinds of men's and women's dress and casual and athletic shoes and we are getting back into children's shoes," Heisler says.

The store specializes in helping customers find their perfect fit, which he says they can't get shopping for shoes online.

"People are coming around to understand that anything fitted should be measured ahead of time," Heisler says. "If anyone shops online for shoes I bet just as many send them back because they don't fit."

Since there's nothing more annoying or painful than an ill-fitting shoe, Heisler says customers who find a good pair at the store spread the word.

"We enjoy working with people and fitting them and they find us," he says. "People drive for miles to find us — one of the few shoe stores that are still around."



Dunne Cleaning Specialists had its start in 1969 via a Volkswagen Beetle purchased by Tom Dunne Sr.

West

Dunne Cleaning Specialists
3050 S. 25th Ave. Broadview
708-345-0922
dunnecleaning.com

Did your toddler spill juice on your carpet? Are you sneezing because your air ducts are clogged with dust? Do your walls need washing?

All of these tasks and others are taken on by Dunne Cleaning Specialists, which was founded in 1969 by Thomas Dunne Sr.

The elder Dunne had worked in printing at a newspaper, but was looking for something else to do and got the idea for his new business by looking through trade magazines at the library.

"He didn't know what he wanted to do, but he was a good researcher," says his son, Tom Dunne Jr.

Dunne senior bought a Volkswagen Beetle to haul around his cleaning equipment and taped signs to the side of it to advertise his business. He also designed his own equipment to clean rugs and carpets, which is still in use today.

"It cleans better than other machines and it's easier to maintain," Dunne, Jr. says.

Besides doing in-home carpet and furniture cleaning, the company operates a plant where jobs of cleaning large rugs can be done.

"We have a machine as a big as a truck to clean large carpets," Dunne, Jr says.

Today, Dunne Jr.'s two sons, Sebastian and Thomas, are involved in the family-owned business, as is his brother, John, and their mother, Jeanne, Tom senior's widow.

The Dunne family continue Tom senior's legacy, bringing their service to their many customers. "I like dealing with people," Dunne, Jr says. "Our customers are always very nice and you're basically solving a problem for them."



Joe Aurelio opened his first small storefront, Aurelio's Pizza, with one pizza oven and a lot of hard work.

South

Aurelio's Pizza
18262 Harwood Ave., Homewood
708-798-8050
aureliospizza.com

Nearly 65 years ago, the first Aurelio's Pizza opened its doors in Homewood in a small storefront restaurant with just four tables and a small kitchen with one pizza oven.

Founder Joe Aurelio, then 26, worked seven days a week, serving as cook, waiter, and delivery guy, all the while making tweaks to his pizza's dough and sauce recipes and starting to use fresh, homemade Italian sausage rather than pre-cooking it.

Pizza sales took off and as the decades flew by, the business expanded. In 1974, Aurelio's Pizza became the first Chicago pizzeria to franchise its concept, becoming just the fifth pizza franchise company started in the United States. The first expansion was located in Joliet, and today it has 37 locations in places as distant as Naples, Florida, and Las Vegas, Nevada.

In the 1990s, the company expanded its pizza lineup, adding several speciality pizzas including taco, BBQ chicken, Hawaiian Pizza and the stuffed pizza.

The founder's son, Joe Aurelio, says the business has flourished because of his father's commitment to quality and customers, which continues today. "He built the business one customer at a time," Aurelio says. "He walked every table. He knew the customers. He provided good quality food and everyone felt they were known there."

"The pizza is awesome," he adds. "It's unique. It's something my father came up with."

As they celebrate 65 years in business, Aurelio says they've adopted the motto "65 years of memories in every bite."



Louie's Tux Shop began in 1948 with one location, a garage, and now has 17 stores, including in Merrillville, Michigan City and Portage.

Indiana

Louie's Tux Shop
Various locations in Indiana
louiestuxshop.com

Founded in 1948 by Louis and Stella Buczynski, Louie's Tux Shop is still going as strong as any good marriage.

The family-owned company was started in the garage of the Buczynskis' home in South Bend. Today, it has 17 locations throughout Indiana from Carmel and Kokomo to Michigan City, Portage and Merrillville.

By 1968, the tux shop had moved to a retail and warehouse space in South Bend. Over the years, that store transformed into a 15,000-square-foot production complex in which more than 6,000 tuxedos are inventoried along with dry cleaning, laundry and tailoring facilities.

"We've got four generations in the business now," says Tom Buczynski, grandson of Louis, who says tuxedo rental is the mainstay of the business.

"That's our bailiwick," he says. "We stick to whatever we do really well."

Fashion trends evolve as years go by and so does taste in tuxedos. Today, tuxedos in a Hunter Green shade are the most searched for item on the company's website, he says.

Spring and summer— with the many proms and weddings — is a busy time of year, and Buczynski says many men are interested in upping their style game even if they are the guest, rather than the groom, at a wedding.

"A lot of people want to dress up for weddings," he says. "They don't want to show up in the same old shirt and tie."

One roof | Multigenerational living tips



Two or more generations occupying the same chunk of real estate is making a comeback in the U.S. after decades of suburban nuclear-family living.

Generations United, a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening cross-generational bonds, found that the number of Americans living in a household with three or more generations increased 271% from 2011 to 2021. Add bi-generational households to the mix, and the increase is likely even greater.

The reasons behind this trend are no mystery. Housing is increasingly unaffordable for individual families. The cost of living is stressing family finances. There's a dearth of quality, affordable child care and elder care.

Multigenerational living is becoming more intentional — less a matter of urgency and more a matter of planning for the future. "We need help with the kids now, and they might need help later," a child of aging parents might be thinking. "How can we make this easier for everyone?"

There are a lot of interpersonal potholes to be avoided when putting two or more generations under one roof, so the quality of the relationships and ability to negotiate lifestyle differences have to be key considerations. Beyond that is the matter of space, both personal and communal. Here are some things to consider before making a move.

Private and communal "zones." Everyone wants to feel a part of the family, but everyone also needs privacy. Maybe the kitchen, living room and family room are where everyone gathers, but the grandparent or adult child has a suite that can be closed off so they can retreat and enjoy personal time. There could be a kitchenette, or just a coffee bar where Grandpa could have a quiet cup of coffee in the morning.

Main floor living. Ideally, senior members of the family won't have to negotiate stairs to access their living space. In the case of a renovation, maybe there's a first-floor bedroom or office that could be expanded and converted into a suite with a bathroom, sitting area, kitchenette and eating area. But if, for example, the grandparents' space is a walk-out basement, ensure that it's possible to install a chair lift or even a residential elevator.

A separate space entirely. Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are increasingly popular as multigenerational options. These "tiny houses" can be installed in a back yard and serve as an oasis. The costs are considerable — water and electricity have to be supplied for example; still, if a renovation of an existing house isn't feasible, it's worth considering. Legislation pending in the Illinois General Assembly (House Bill 4213) would prohibit local governments from disallowing ADUs, but do check with your municipality for rules surrounding this option.

Sound control. Insulation, sound board and carpeting should be used to lessen the transmission of sound and noise from one zone to another. If loud TVs are an issue, wireless audio headphones will contain the sound as well as improve hearing.

Floors and trip hazards. Slip-resistant flooring (good for seniors and little kids) and level transitions between rooms are important.

Lighting. Recessed lighting is a great choice for aging-in-place spaces because they're easy to operate and spread light throughout a room. Plus, there are no lamp cords for seniors and little kids to trip on. Easy-to-operate light switches or automatic lighting when someone goes into a room are also good to have.

Accessibility. In a renovation or new construction, ensure doorways are at least 32-inches clear to accommodate wheelchairs and other mobility devices. This means your doors should be at least 34 inches wide or even wider to take into account the space when the door is open. There should also be enough space for a wheelchair to turn around. That typically means that you need five feet of turning radius. Also consider accessibility into the house or ADU itself. Do you need to think about a ramp from the garage or front porch into the house? Make sure your outside walking surfaces are as level and clean as possible. If adding or renovating a bathroom, be sure to include a zero-clearance shower, where there is no threshold to step over.

Reachability. So, let's say your 6-year-old is learning to set the table and Grandma is also helping in the kitchen. Rather than putting dishes in top cabinets, think about putting them lower so everyone can have easy access to them. Anywhere from 15 inches above the floor to about waist height is ideal.

Multigenerational living is not simply a matter of adapting a house for seniors. Renovations and new construction have to be thoughtfully designed so that everyone — from grandparents to adult children to teens to young children— are comfortable and part of the family.

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2024 SUMMER BOOKS

At this time of year, the reading's easy. Or epic. Choose your own adventure



"Rebel Girl" by Kathleen Hanna and "The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook" by Hampton Sides.



"Hip-Hop is History" by Questlove, "You Like It Darker" by Stephen King, "Same as it Ever Was" by Claire Lombardo, "House of Bone and Rain" by Gambino Iglesias, "The Swans of Harlem" by Karen Valby and "Charlie Hustle" by Keith O'Brien. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**



Christopher Borrelli

One strategy for summer reading — and yes, there *are* strategies — is to begin a project.

Dabble in short punchy books, but devote the season to an epic. You get three months.

I read "The Lord of the Rings" this way, one installment a summer, for years. Now I'm picking through Robert Caro's (still unfinished) Lyndon Johnson biography this way. Another strategy: Give yourself a quasi-degree in something very specific. Read the complete short stories of the late Alice Munro. The *crime* novels of Stephen King. Or underrated Penguin Classics: This summer offers a couple of fresh contenders — Harry Crews' **"The Knockout Artist"** (about a boxer with a talent for knocking himself out), and **"A Last Supper of Queer Apostles,"** unclassifiable writing about being gay under a dictatorship, by Chilean legend Pedro Lemebel.



"The Age of Grievance" by Frank Bruni, "Fire Exit" by Morgan Talty, "Footnotes from the Most Fascinating Museums" by Bob Eckstein, "Horror Movie" by Paul Tremblay and "Parade" by Rachel Cusk.

You'll clip right along.

Same goes for an excellent new edition of a monster: The Folio Society's wonderful **"Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell,"** Susanna Clarke's contemporary classic about magicians in 19th century England. As a single adventure, it was an 800-plus page cinderblock in 2004. Folio divides all of that into a much brisker trilogy, as it should have been, ideal for devouring in adult-size chunks that you can pass along to a precocious child or spouse, while continuing yourself.

As for the rest of you who just want a new mystery or history for the backyard, this summer is overstocked, even more so than the coming fall season. Yes, I read all of these; now get started.

NO-GUILT BEACH READS

One of the great American mystery series continues with **"Farewell, Amethystine,"** Walter Mosley's 16th novel about Los Angeles detective Easy Rawlins. This one finds him in 1970, tracking an ex-husband, navigating gender upheaval. **"The Sicilian Inheritance,"** by airport favorite Jo Piazza, nails a clever twist on a contemporary cliche: Newly single American woman moves to Italy, discovers herself. The twist — she's

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'We figured out it's a lot like parenting together'

An admirable dose of collaboration: Chicago filmmaking couple, local theater family make the new movie 'Ghostlight'



Michael Phillips
On Further Review

If you're married or otherwise committed to someone, and you decide to make movies together, well, "I don't know," says screenwriter, actor and director Kelly O'Sullivan. "It sounds like a real relationship killer."

O'Sullivan told me this the other morning in the living room of the fourth-floor Rogers Park walk-up she shares with director and screenwriter Alex Thompson. They're partners, with a 6-month-old son, Milo. And they just co-directed a movie together.

Sounds like trouble, Thompson concurs with a smile. "Which is why we waited a year or two into our relationship to make a film together."

That 2019 Chicago-made film, "Saint Frances," starred O'Sullivan, well-known and respected for her work on many stages around town, as a 34-year-old nanny navigating a series of relational crossroads with her newfound employers, their little girl and her own ambitions.

Five years later, they're back in strong form, this time as co-directors of O'Sullivan's "Ghostlight." It's a tender comedy-drama starring Keith Kupferer, a veteran Chicago stage actor as well as a regular TV and sometime film presence, in a rare leading role as construction worker Dan, a tightly clenched man clouded by the family tragedy O'Sullivan's screenplay gradually reveals.

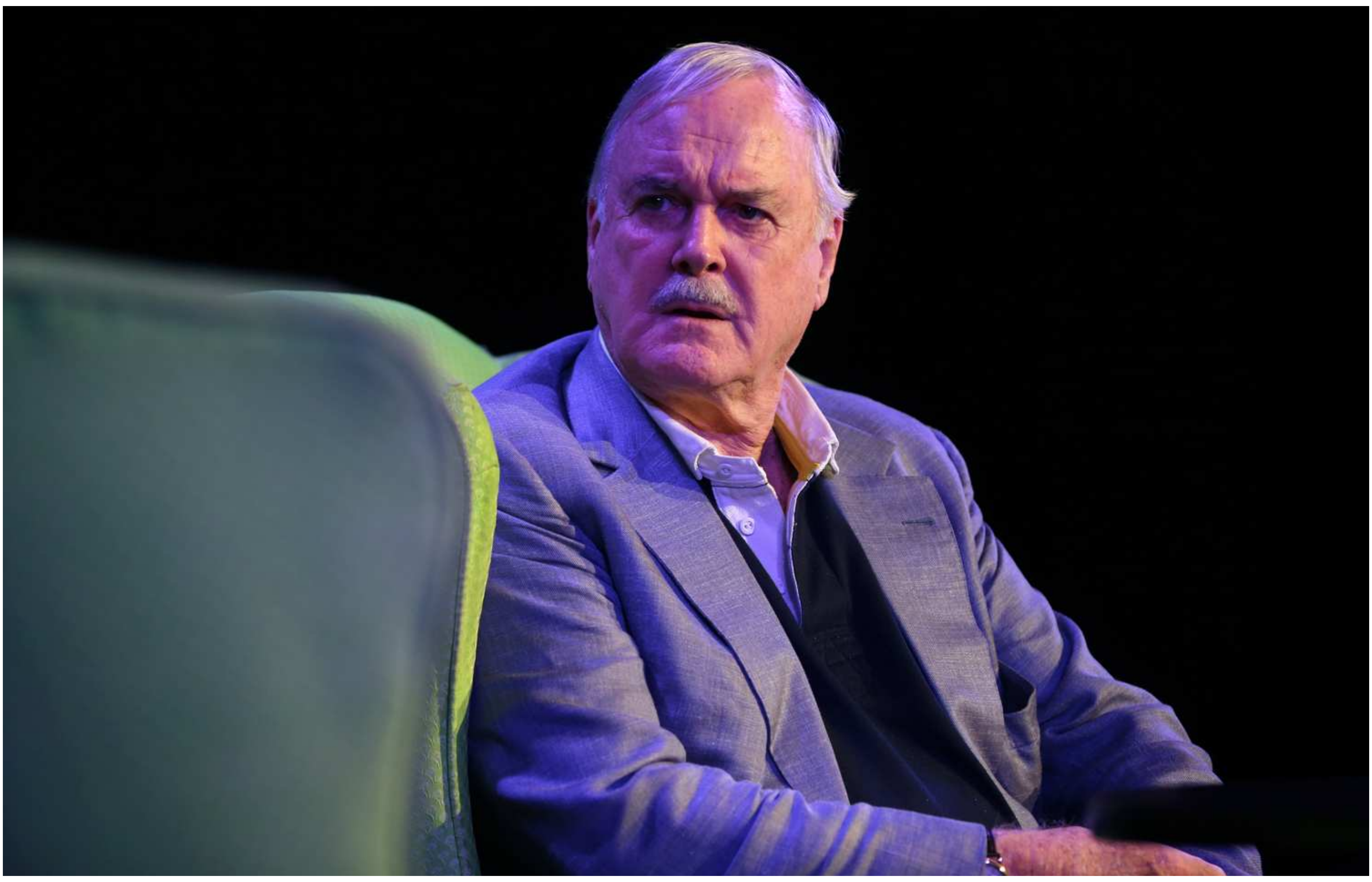
Katherine Mallen Kupferer, Keith Kupferer's real-life daughter, ignites the role of Dan's daughter, whip-smart, touchy, grieving in disharmony with both her parents. Her mother, Tara, is played movingly by another Chicago stage veteran, Tara Mallen, married to Keith and mother to Katherine. The family feeling is everywhere in "Ghostlight," its title referring to the single-bulb lamp traditionally left illuminated on a theater stage when all else goes dark.

Avoiding his daughter's therapy session one day, Dan meets a cast member of a no-budget storefront theater production of "Romeo and Juliet" by accident. This woman, Rita, smoking and bitter but sneakily big-hearted, is portrayed by Filipino actor Dolly de Leon, a 2022 Golden Globe nominee for the black comedy "Triangle of Sadness." In a blink, Dan is thrown into rehearsals (they're short one actor and he's the first available human to wander by). In another blink, Dan moves into the role of teenaged



Partners and co-directors Kelly O'Sullivan and Alex Thompson in their home in Rogers Park. Their film, "Ghostlight," is being released Friday. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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John Cleese speaks at an event at the iO Theater in Chicago in 2014. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

'They're still applauding'

'Monty Python' living legend John Cleese in town appearing in 'Last Chance To See Me Before I Die'



Chris Jones

Actor, comedian and writer John Cleese, now 84 and long famed for his seminal comedic work on "Monty Python's Flying Circus," "Fawlty Towers," "Life of Brian," "A Fish Called Wanda" and many other titles, is appearing soon at Chicago's Vic Theatre as part of his tour, titled "Last Chance to See Me Before I Die." He recently spoke with the Tribune in a phone interview.

The following conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: The last time we spoke was on election night, 2000. I remember you calling me back very late that night and asking me who the Tribune's journalists thought was going to win. I said, everyone was saying Al Gore was the clear winner. Which they were.

A: I was shooting the movie "Rat Race" in 2000 and you told me Gore had won easily. I have a bad effect on American elections.

Q: I felt guilty for years about telling you that. Your daughter Camilla (Cleese) is working with you now. I once did a WGN radio show with her.

A: She lived in Chicago for a while. She's very funny. When you listen to the audience, her laughs are higher pitched than mine. I think that's because her humor is much darker than mine.

Q: What are you planning to do on stage here?

A: I am not sure what I will do. I suppose we will do a couple of hours, for which I have been furiously writing and rehearsing, and there likely will also be a bit of an interval.

Q: I assume people get to ask you questions at the end. What do they typically ask?

A: I get a lot of very vulgar, pointless questions like, did you (have sex with) Jamie Lee Curtis? What is the velocity of an unladen swallow? Extraordinary things like that. It's fun to ad-lib. One night in Florida, a very well-dressed, middle-aged lady stood up in the theater and said, "Can I ask you a serious question? Do you think the queen killed Princess Diana?" I was the only one laughing. It was too funny. Why did she think I would know? Did she just think all British people just *know*?

I do think my show goes better in more sophisticated cities. When you play the sticks, it's hard work and they don't laugh as much. They give you a very nice reception but it's no fun playing to them. My best reception was in Munich and Stuttgart. In Stuttgart, I was in my car halfway back to the hotel and they called me up and said, "can you go back to the theater and take another bow? They're still applauding."

Q: I assume you went back?

A: I absolutely did not. I always think it's a matter of pride not to milk the audience applause too much.

Q: There's now a stage version of "Fawlty Towers" in London. That must be weird. What did you learn at the opening?

A: That there is a genuine nostalgia not just for those characters but for a time when we all used to laugh together a whole lot more. Now they're all Jobsworths at the BBC (a Britishism meaning "more than my job's worth"). Today, the first thought of every BBC employee when they enter the building every morning is, 'how I do not get fired today?" That's the *enemy* of creativity.

As you know, I am the co-director. I said little things in rehearsal like "don't look at him when you say that." And other kinds of strange little things, too. It's not that weird for me; I was a writer as well as an actor and when you are a writer, there's always the thought that someone else might play the role.

Q: You wrote for yourself more than most in your career.

A: I remember thinking when I was writing "A Fish Called Wanda," now I am actually going to have to *do that*.

Q: The "Fawlty Towers" show is a mash up of much-loved episodes of the show, right? Which?

A: Three. The hearing aid that stops working, which originally starred Bernard Cribbins. Hotel inspector. And, of course, "The Germans."

Q: All very funny. All very tricky material now.

A: The reception was wonderful. And at the interval, my guest was the German ambassador.

"Last Chance To See Me Before I Die" is 7:30 p.m. June 12-13 at the Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave., tickets from $61.75 at www.johncleeselive.com

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

Rogers writes an album for a Sunday drive

With 'Don't Forget Me,' singer sought to make a record that could offer comfort

By Elise Ryan
Associated Press

Maggie Rogers wrote and recorded her new album, "Don't Forget Me," over five days last winter. The songs came quickly and chronologically, as if she was writing "different scenes in a movie."

"I've been writing songs now for 15 years, and so I think I've just come into this place where I really trust my process and my craft. I think because of that, I was in a place where I was willing to just play," Rogers said in a recent interview.

The result is a record that Rogers calls "relaxed," one that finds her "unguarded and present."

The mood is lighter than Rogers' electric 2022 album "Surrender," which was in many ways a release of pent-up pandemic energy. And it leans more heavily on acoustic sounds than 2019's "Heard it in a Past Life," the first album Rogers released after a video of Pharrell Williams reacting to her song, "Alaska," in a New York University class went viral.

As Rogers explains it: If "Heard it in a Past Life" is air and "Surrender" is fire, "Don't Forget Me" is earth.

Like her past projects — and her studies at Harvard's Divinity School — community is a through line of "Don't Forget Me." Rogers name-drops friends and tells their stories alongside hers. She has welcomed the way the new songs have united crowds and was looking forward to continuing to foster that joyous, present, environment on tour, which kicked off in May.

That community-first quality of her music is something that fans also embrace: New York's Gaia Music Collective, for example, organized a "one-day choir" of Rogers' song "Light On." Four hundred people gathered to learn and perform an arrangement of the song, a cappella.

"She also is thinking about music as a connective force, as a thing that can bring us and our stories together," said Matt Goldstein, the group's founder. "It's no accident that her music feels good to sing together."

This interview with Rogers has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: "Surrender" felt like an album that had to be moved through and experienced with a crowd. How do you see this album being embodied?

A: This record was always made for the car. I really wanted to make a record that felt like a Sunday driving record, because to me, those are some of the most intimate moments that I've had with music or with an album — when I'm singing along to a song in the car and it feels like that artist or that song is like a friend in my passenger seat. Those are some of my favorite records, and they're the records I turn to for comfort over and over again. And you know, in this big, crazy, completely insane, existential world, if that's something that I could offer to the world through my music, I think that that is really special.

Q: Could you say more about how you see your three studio albums in relation to each other? I liked how you described each of them as elements — air, fire, earth.

A: I think categorizing them in that way is just a way to help give context to them. To me, they're all really important reflections on different periods in my life. And my songwriting is pretty consistent at the center of all these things. It's mostly the way that like my producer brain has chosen to dress up the songs at their core and that has more to do with creative expression or curiosity more than anything. In each record, I'm just trying to be as present and authentic as I can. "Don't Forget Me," what I love about it, is that it's this really, like kind of woven tapestry. Like in so many ways I created a character that sort of led me through this album, rather than trying to make a snapshot of my life in the exact moment. But there are real truths woven into that character and into those stories. And you know, it (came) out two weeks before I (turned) 30, and in a way, it feels like this big ode to my 20s and everything I've experienced. Even if the narrative plot line isn't exactly 1:1 with my life, the essence of all of the feelings within all of the songs feels really, really truthful.



Maggie Rogers calls "Don't Forget Me" a "relaxed" record that finds her "unguarded and present." AMY HARRIS/INVISION 2023

Q: What do you think you learned after putting what you had studied at Harvard into practice while touring last year?

A: It's funny because I spend all this time thinking about live music and the way people come together around it, and I had this thought that when I got onstage that it would be like, you know, that meme of the woman with the math problem above her head? I was like, that's going to be me. And then I got onstage. And what I love about being onstage is that I'm not thinking, I'm just moving. I'm just feeling. It's like deeply instinctual. When I think about the tour that I'll be on for the next year, I think I'm mostly just really excited to have fun. Like, I've worked for so many years and been in so many bands, whether it was like at some underground club in New York City or being 18 and playing in bars or being on the road in a van at the beginning of my career, that now I feel really comfortable on stage and I love playing live. I'm so happy that live music is back in this way.

Q: You posted a video around the holidays about a journal entry you found from your time at NYU.

A: So trippy.

Q: How does that kind of reflective writing fit into your daily practice and songwriting now?

A: It's such a massive part of my life. I mean, I write every day. I kind of can't sleep without it. It's usually the last thing I do at the end of the day. And it, like, really is a meditation. I wrote a ton through grad school and have continued working on essays, and I'm turning my master's thesis into a book. My long-form writing practice feels as much a part of my life as my short-form songwriting practice, and it helps me to stay really present in my life because I'm paying attention to detail all the time.

Filmmaker has ‘many more stories to tell’

Rasoulof decided to flee nation to fulfill mission of connecting audiences with Iranian narratives

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press



Director Mohammad Rasoulof, seen May 23, premiered his latest film, “The Seed of the Sacred Fig,” at the Cannes Film Festival in France. The drama won a special prize from the festival’s jury. VIANNEY LE CAER/INVISION

Mohammad Rasoulof was facing eight years in prison — and likely more, considering the uncompromising nature of his latest film, “The Seed of the Sacred Fig” — when he decided to flee Iran.

His films and statements criticizing government-sanctioned violence against protesters had already earned him a long string of prison sentences, filmmaking bans, travel restrictions and the confiscation of his passport in 2017. Leaving his native country meant embarking on a life of exile, not to mention a risky escape on foot across the mountainous borderland.

Two weeks after the harrowing escape, Rasoulof arrived at the recent Cannes Film Festival in France with a completed film. At a Cannes edition where several filmmakers like Francis Ford Coppola and Kevin Costner have been praised for investing their own money into their films, Rasoulof has put far more on the line: To debut “The Seed of the Sacred Fig,” Rasoulof has risked his life.

“I have many more stories to tell, many more narratives to create and films to make,” Rasoulof said, speaking recently through an interpreter at Cannes’ Palais des Festivals. “That’s what persuaded me to leave Iran. I had to go on with this mission. I feel that my mission is to connect the audiences of the world to these stories, to this Iranian narrative. This is my plan for the coming years.”

Rasoulof’s dramatic arrival and the explosiveness of his film brought the Cannes Film Festival to a riveting close when the crowd met an emotional Rasoulof with a lengthy standing ovation. The day after the premiere of “The Seed of the Sacred Fig,” the festival awarded its top prize, the Palme d’Or. While he didn’t take home top honors, the jury awarded a special prize for his drama.

“The Seed of the Sacred Fig” is set during the 2022 protests in Iran and includes real cellphone footage — some it violent and ghastly, censored by Iran’s government — from the demonstrations. The film follows a fictional family of four — a father, mother and two daughters — who acutely internalize the political turmoil.

The father, who works in the justice system, is forced to rubber-stamp sentences of protesters. He grows increasingly suspicious of his wife and daughters, as the film turns into a darkly penetrating examination of contemporary Iran.

Investing an expansive social drama within the intimacy of a family, Rasoulof says, was a way of reflecting the contrast between the public face and private lives of the Islamic Republic.

“There’s a very strong contradiction between what they say and the ideas they think they embrace and the reality of their lives,” he says. “I’ll give you a very absurd example.”

Rasoulof recalls an encounter when he was in prison two years ago. He had fallen ill and was taken to a hospital where revolving soldiers stood guard beside his bed. His captors, though, were eager to watch Rasoulof’s prize-winning 2020 drama “There Is No Evil,” about capital punishment in Iran.

It’s banned in Iran.

“I had to watch ‘There Is No Evil’ every evening,” he says, laughing. “They were so excited to be there with a filmmaker. And they knew that I had made a film about prison guards, so they wanted to watch it. They had found a flash drive and, every night, I had no choice in the film I wanted to watch.”

“What’s going on now in Iran and the change that’s about to happen will come from these families, from the inside,” Rasoulof adds. Already wrestling with social unrest and international sanctions, Iran has been mourning the death of President Ebrahim Raisi, who was killed in a helicopter crash in May.

Although Iranian authorities have not publicly acknowledged Rasoulof’s sentence, the filmmaker’s attorney said he was recently sentenced to prison and flogging for films and public statements called “examples of collusion with the intention of committing a crime against the country’s security.”

“The Seed of the Sacred Fig” was shot clandestinely in Iran, with a small cast and crew. Before the movie was edited, some actors also fled Iran. But others who helped make the film have been interrogated and their families summoned for questioning, the director said earlier. The cinematographer’s office was raided.

One of Rasoulof’s greatest frustrations in fleeing Iran was that he had to leave his unfinished film with his collaborators abroad.

“I called them and told them that they would have to take care of the film,” the filmmaker says, “whatever happened.”

About two weeks ago, Rasoulof arrived in Germany and rushed to finish work on the final print before sending it to the festival.

“Filmmaking and artistic creature are vital to me,” Rasoulof explains. “This is my way of staying alive and carrying on with my life. There is no other way I can imagine living.”

For him, there has been no change in his interests. He’s driven to tell stories about freedom and human rights, “or the lack of them in my surrounding, in the society I live in,” he says.

“What’s maybe different in this last film is maybe I’ve gotten closer to my subject, in a way. More explicit.

“Lately, my interest is not that much the system or the government. It’s not the structure that I’m observing anymore, it’s more the people that maintain this system and allow it to function — the mindset of these people, their motivations.”

Ahead of the premiere of the film in Cannes, “The Seed of the Sacred Fig” was acquired for North American distribution by Neon, the acclaimed specialty label that has backed five straight Palme d’Or winners, including this year’s “Anora,” last year’s “Anatomy of a Fall” and 2019’s “Parasite.”

The Directors Guild of America has also voiced support for Rasoulof “in his flight from unjust sentencing,” Lesli Linka Glatter, its president, said in a statement. “We stand in solidarity with him as he seeks safe harbor.”

Asked where he goes from here, Rasoulof says he has already begun work on his next project, an animated work about a modern Iranian writer.

“My stories have to do with Iran but not Iran in a geographic sense,” Rasoulof says. “So I can do it anywhere. I don’t have to go back to Iran to tell Iranian stories.”

Frequent these podcasts unpacking air travel

Shows provide practical aviation advice, history of industry, rare disasters

By Emma Dibdin
The New York Times



IRENE RINALDI/THE NEW YORK TIMES

It's a nerve-racking time to be a frequent flyer in the United States. Boeing, the nation's once-proud aircraft manufacturer, has faced a cascading quality crisis since 2018, which escalated this year after a door panel blew off one of the company's planes mid-flight, prompting multiple FAA investigations and a criminal inquiry from the Justice Department. And it's not just Boeing — a New York Times investigation last summer found that understaffing and overscheduling led to an alarming number of unreported near misses on American runways.

Despite this, air travel statistically remains the safest form of mass transit in the United States, and it's worth keeping the risks in perspective. Some of these podcasts do just that by exploring the true stories of air disasters (and why they are so rare), while others are love letters to life in the skies, hosted by proud aviation geeks who have travel tips, airport reviews and nostalgic industry history to share.

'Black Box Down': Billed as "a true-crime podcast in the air," this series ended production last summer but has a back catalog of 150 episodes, each focusing on a different air disaster in meticulous detail. Many of these calamities are well-known, such as the still-mysterious crash of EgyptAir 990 and the miraculous story of US Airways 1549, which was landed safely on the Hudson River by Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger after a bird strike knocked out both of its engines. But hosts Gustavo Sorola and Chris Demarais also cover plenty of less well-trod ground, and have stories you'll be astonished that you've never heard of, including midair collisions, hijackings and a detached propeller slicing through an airplane's hull mid-flight. While it would seem wise for anxious travelers to skip this show, "Black Box Down" is curiously reassuring because it highlights just how rare these kinds of accidents are and how many things have to go wrong for disaster to strike.

Starter episode: "Crash of the Boeing 737 Max 8"

'The Next Trip': There's a satisfying subgenre of podcasts that makes you feel as if you're eavesdropping on a conversation between friends at a bar, who also happen to be experts in their fields. "The Next Trip" is a prime example, hosted by self-professed aviation geeks (or "AvGeeks") Doug and Drew (they don't share their last names), who have worked for major carriers as a pilot and an operations manager, respectively. Their amiable weekly conversations cover the latest aviation news — recent subjects have included the aborted JetBlue and Spirit merger, the wave of multimillion dollar refurbishments across U.S. airports and of course Boeing's snowballing woes. Both hosts are also regular air travelers, and they share packing tips, review specific aircrafts and airlines, and reflect on how travel has changed throughout these recent, turbulent years.

Starter episode: "Aviation Bill"

'Deep Dive: MH370': This year marks the 10th anniversary of a haunting aviation mystery. On March 8, 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 took off from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and disappeared from air control radar 35 minutes later, vanishing somewhere over the Indian Ocean. Exhaustive searches turned up only scattered pieces of debris, which offered no answers about what happened to the flight. In this meticulous investigative podcast, Jeff Wise, a journalist and aviation expert, breaks down every detail of the story alongside his co-host, Andy Tarnoff. Over more than 25 episodes, the pair leaves no stone unturned as they explore different theories, digging into satellite data, clues from the search effort and the backstory of the flight's pilot to piece together answers.

Starter episode: "The First Vanishing"

'Layovers': Spun off in 2015 from a blog of the same name, "Layovers" is one of the longest running aviation podcasts out there. Hosts Paul Papadimitriou and Alex Hunter both spend a lot of time in the air (and in airport lounges), and share a fascination with the commercial aviation industry. In each episode, they talk about their latest travels, offer insights about different airline and aircraft experiences and review airports across the world. Whether you're a fellow frequent flyer, or just want to live vicariously through their travels and rapport, it's a reliably fun listen.

Starter episode: "The 747 is forever, a London NY bridge at JFK T8, Air France lounge joie de vivre, 777 guillotine, the airport game"

'Business Wars: Boeing vs Airbus': Every season of this Wondery podcast consists of several mini-seasons, each exploring the dynamics between two competing brands. Over the course of seven episodes, "Boeing vs. Airbus" charts how Boeing became leader of the pack, beginning in the 1950s after a series of disasters involving its biggest competitor, British manufacturer de Havilland. As Boeing continued to rise, European rivals banded together to create a worthy adversary in the form of Airbus, laying the groundwork for the duopoly that has existed ever since. Now that Boeing's recent string of incidents has laid bare a culture of corner-cutting and lax safety protocols, the dynamics of that rivalry have shifted significantly in Airbus' favor, making this exhaustive history feel all the more vital.

Starter episode: "Get Your Wings"

'The Flight Deck': Produced by the Museum of Flight in Tukwila, Washington, and based in part around its collection, "The Flight Deck" is an invaluable resource for anyone feeling nostalgic or curious about air travel's past. There are episodes exploring the gradual decimation of legroom on passenger flights, the chaotic origins of air traffic control and the story of the still-unidentified flight hijacker D.B. Cooper, plus wide-ranging interviews with pilots, astronauts, flight surgeons and more. The podcast recently began producing shorter seasons with specific themes — its third season, which aired last year, spotlighted LGBTQ+ stories in aviation history.

Starter episode: "Rodeo in the Sky — Early Air Traffic Control"

4 movies, 5 panel talks: The titles and a quick primer on Sundance x Chicago



Julian Brave NoiseCat performs in British Columbia's Kamloopa Powwow. NoiseCat, along with Emily Cassie, directed the documentary "Sugarcane," part of the Sundance x Chicago series June 28-30. **EMILY CASSIE/SUGARCANE LLC**

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

We'll have more on the ins and outs of this pop-up demi-festival soon, but for now here's a primer on Sundance Institute x Chicago, coming June 28-30.

Four films from the January 2024 edition of the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, will be screened at the University of Chicago's Logan Center for the Arts in Hyde Park and at the Davis Theater in the Lincoln Square neighborhood. Two are documentaries: **"Luther: Never Too Much,"** director Dawn Porter's documentary on the late R&B powerhouse Luther Vandross; and **"Sugarcane,"** directed by Julian Brave NoiseCat and Emily Kassie, an account of cyclical abuse perpetuated in the Canadian Indian residential school system.

The other two are feature films: Aaron Schimberg's dark comedy **"A Different Man,"** addressing themes of ableism, disability, identity and body horror; and director Caroline Lindy's **"Your Monster,"** described by Sundance programmer Ana Souza as "a welcome re-steering of the rom-com into darker realms" starring Melissa Barrera.

The Sundance x Chicago weekend's five panel discussions range from the screenwriter and filmmaker-centric "Playing for Keeps: How development labs could be the investment that leads to local artistic sustainability," i.e., how the Sundance Institute's projects might be adapted to other cities such as Chicago, to "Stronger Together: How festivals, art houses, and independent exhibitors are working together to revive and reinvent the theatrical experience in the post-pandemic era."

Sundance Film Festival director and Indiewire co-founder and former editor Eugene Hernandez and Facets executive director Karen Cardarelli lead the "Stronger Together" panel.

Tickets for the films go for $20; the panels are free but require reservations and seating is limited.

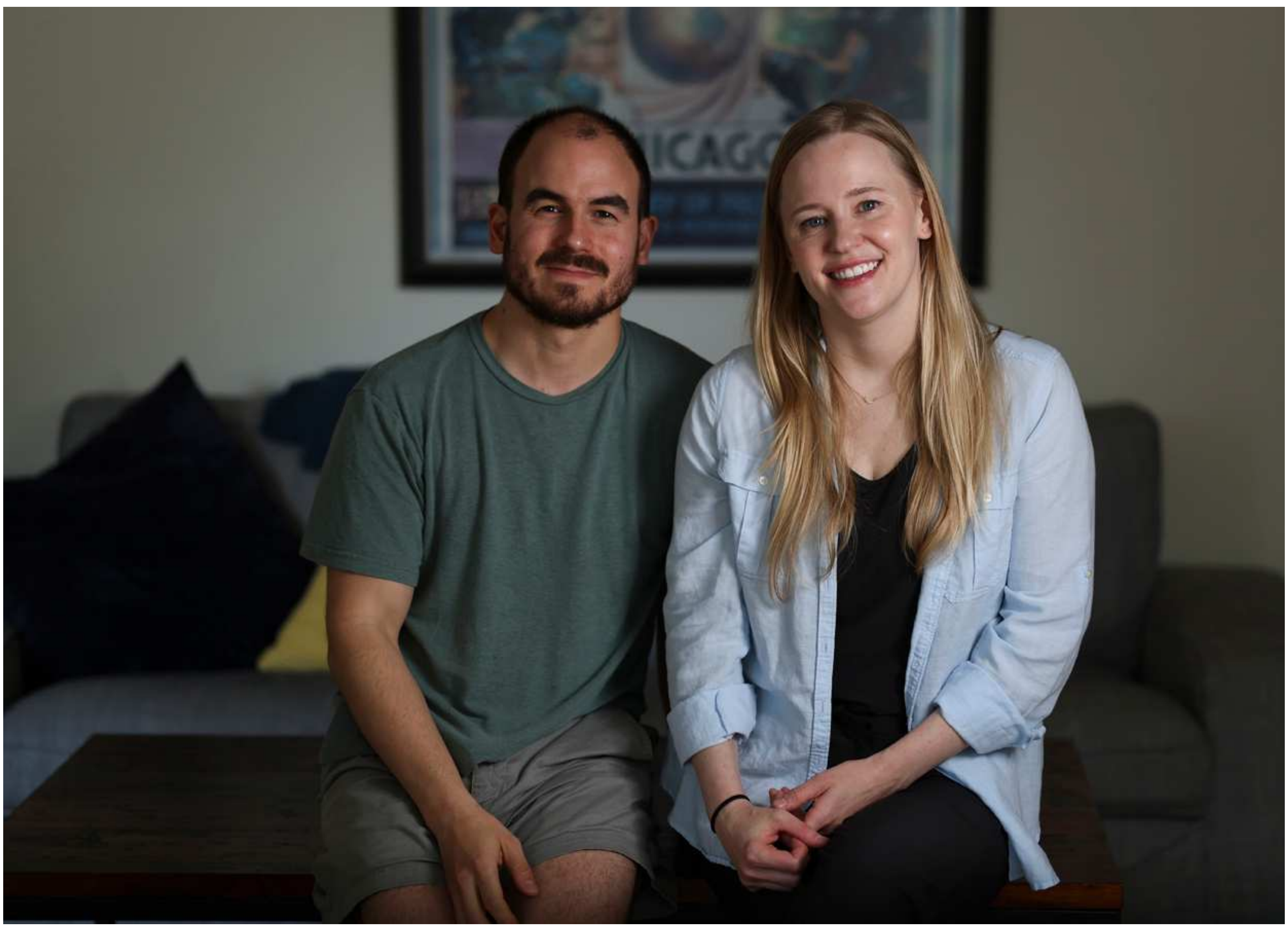
The late June project also features community events and master classes, with details to come. Much of the activity will take place in the downtown Chicago Cultural Center.

Sundance Institute x Chicago runs June 28-30 at Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E. 60th St.; Davis Theater, 614 N. Lincoln Ave.; Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. For more information go to SundanceInstitutexChicago.com.

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Kelly O'Sullivan and Alex Thompson at their home in Rogers Park. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Romeo, opposite Rita's Juliet, likewise middle-aged and unconventionally cast in Shakespeare's tragedy of enraptured young love.

The theatrics afoot in "Ghostlight" suggest a situation comedy, or at least a comic situation. The feelings underneath suggest otherwise. Its world premiere screenings had audiences in tears at the January 2024 Sundance Film Festival. This spring's Chicago Critics Film Festival "Ghostlight" screening at the Music Box Theatre: different crowd, same tears —though that time, some assuredly were tears of joy at the sight of Lincolnwood's beloved Novelty Golf and the adjoining Bunny Hutch.

IFC Films picked it up for theatrical distribution (100-plus U.S. screens) straight out of Sundance. Filmed in Waukegan and Chicago neighborhoods, the film opens commercially here and in New York on June 14, other U.S. markets June 21.

As for the relationship-killing part of co-directing: So far, so good. "We figured out it's a lot like parenting together," O'Sullivan says. "Co-directing, parenting — very similar."

She and Thompson shot "Ghostlight" last September. At one point, O'Sullivan, eight months pregnant and dealing with COVID, co-directed in temporary isolation via monitor and walkie-talkie, communicating with Thompson on set.

That sounds stressful, yet nine months hence the key actors still talk about how not-stressful the filming days were. Ever. They talk about how Thompson's visual and technical skills and comforting vibe complemented the actor-whisperer acumen of O'Sullivan, already well known to the Kupferers from their overlapping work on many Chicago stages.

"She knows how to talk to actors the way actors *want* to be talked to," Kupferer says. "Kelly doesn't prescribe notes to people; she draws stuff out of you." Kupferer's previous screen work, he says, meant the basics: "hit your mark and say your line and don't screw up the shot. You're only there for a day, maybe two."

This project was different, besides being Kupferer's first lead in a movie. In one tricky scene, when Dan enters a rehearsal as the new, deeply reluctant Romeo, utterly at sea, the actor couldn't quite locate the angle he wanted after a couple of takes.

"And then Alex came over and said, 'Look. You can take as much time as you want. We can take all day.' That was something new for me. It was liberating. I'm tell you, together, he and Kelly are just terrific."

Mallen notes "the mutual respect they bring to a room. Any room, any situation. There was Kelly, eight months pregnant with COVID, and Alex would say 'Hey! Kelly has a note!'" They worked smoothly through walkie-talkies. "No panic, no rushing. Just so much grace and kindness and mutual respect."



Dolly de Leon and Keith Kupferer in "Ghostlight." **LUKE DYRA/IFC FILMS**

And clarity, says Katherine Mallen Kupferer, who, like her parents, responded strongly to the filmmakers' earlier "Saint Frances." The direction she got, she says, was "just so simple, and so clear. That was really helpful for me." Her performance confirms it. Coming off the Sundance premiere, both Keith and Katherine Mallen Kupferer signed with Fusion Entertainment's Adam Kersh, already managing O'Sullivan and Thompson.

It has been a fine few months for all concerned. Also a little strange, having your two feature film collaborations coincide with a pandemic and an uncertain future for theatrical exhibition, streaming acquisition and movies approximate size, for example, of "Ghostlight."

"Saint Frances," distributed by Oscilloscope, enjoyed an auspicious film festival run in 2019. Then its March 2020 theatrical debut hit the pandemic wall. Many discovered director Thompson's film later, via virtual screenings and then broader online streaming.

Then came a logical but worrying development, O'Sullivan says. "I think what's happening to cinema is also what's happening to live theater. People have gotten out of the habit of going. I saw way more plays (pre-COVID) than I see now, and not just because of our baby, but because I'm out of the habit."

"Saint Frances" was filmed for $75,000. Post production, including sound recorded at Skywalker Sound, brought it to $130,000. "We cut so many corners in production," Thompson told me. "We shot so fast. And it was a cicada summer. A lot of complaints from our sound design team that summer."

The financing came from the back room of a Panera. At the time, Thompson ran a movie club for seniors in Bannockburn, near Highland Park, with monthly meetups at a Panera Bakery and Cafe. Each month he assigned his class two new movies on a similar theme, one new, one older, for discussion purposes. He asked his students if they knew anybody interested in making movies. The answer was yes; some turned out to be in the class, and others were contacted. And then a few others.

That was the seed money, "which I learned is very useful, just so you can say 'We have seed money.' It might be $5,000. Or $100,000. Or just a thousand. But you need it to prove that somebody believes in you, other than you."

After "Saint Frances," Thompson co-directed a feature he also co-wrote, "Rounding," a low-budget mystery yet to be released. That cost just under $500,000. "Ghostlight" came in at just under $500,000 as well. Thompson and O'Sullivan's next project, "Mouse," a high school story scripted by O'Sullivan and co-directed by O'Sullivan and Thompson, begins filming this September near where Arkansas native O'Sullivan grew up.

Budget: just under $3 million, roughly 23 times that of "Saint Frances."

More money, more pressure, says O'Sullivan. Some sample dialogue from their Rogers Park living room the other day includes O'Sullivan's use of the word "Sisyphean" to describe how she's feeling about her newest script, only recently begun.

"Sisyphean?" asks Thompson, skeptical but easygoing. "Is it?"

"Maybe not to you, but ..."

"Doesn't feel that way to me."

"Maybe it's about me having just had a baby. And trying to write in a way so that people will want to *make the movie*."

Thompson, smiling; they're both smiling, thereby proving the importance of love, respect and tone modulation in any important relationship: "But you don't have to convince anyone to make it."

"Yeah, I do!"

"Well, I mean, it's gotta be *good* ..."

O'Sullivan: "Yeah! I'm trying to make it good! But the first draft is always garbage. Well, not garbage, but it needs a lot of work. I was talking to some aspiring writers the other day and I said (low, defeatist murmur): *'I hate writing.'* And they were like, 'You do?' And I said, 'Yeah! I hate being confronted by by my own mediocrity, again and again and again. (pause) I wonder if that ever goes away."

Thompson has had his own doubts. "You come into directing," he says, "thinking that being a director means calling the shots and having the answer to everything. In other words, an absence of curiosity. Everyone else gets to be curious, but you're the one 'on mission.' But when we made 'Saint Frances,' because it dealt with abortion and Kelly wrote a personal story, I had a really intense sensitivity, I guess, about how it felt for me to direct that story. I found out I just had to defer to Kelly's script. I remember (cinematographer Nate Hurtsellers) saying: 'We just have to get out of the way. Get out of the way of what's working.' And I started to see that directing is about collaboration, and curiosity."

Their best-known actor in "Ghostlight," de Leon, is currently in Munich filming Season 2 of "Nine Perfect Strangers." O'Sullivan and Thompson mailed her manager the script and, de Leon tells me, along with "a really sweet note, saying they'd watched 'Triangle of Sadness' and this and that. A lot of really nice things. I'm a sucker for people like that."

"Have you met them?" she asks me. Yes, just yesterday. "They're just wonderful people, with such good hearts," she says. "I don't know if I should say this, but initially they offered me the role of Tara (Dan's wife, played in the film by Tara Mallen Kupferer). But I just resonated more with Rita. I loved her. I'm a theater person like she is. So Adam (Kersh) asked them if they were open to me playing Rita, and they were, so I did it. And it's a beautiful script."

On a first read, de Leon found some of the "Ghostlight" plotting to be "a little convenient, a little too coincidental," with Dan's private anguish directly mirroring the events of "Romeo and Juliet." She talked with O'Sullivan, who said, "'I think if we show this in the most realistic way possible, it's going to work." De Leon adds, "And sure enough, it does."

"With Kelly and Alex," she says, "everything comes from the heart. The film wears its heart on its sleeve, but it's not sappy. Watching it, it feels authentic and true. That's what's special about them, and the atmosphere they create on set. I'll be honest with you, it was the best working experience of my entire life."

She's quiet for a second. "Do you know the expression 'as above, so below'? It means if the people leading you are leading you in a certain way, the followers adopt that behavior. That's Kelly and Alex. Leading by example."

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‘The Material’ brings us into a fine arts program for stand-up

By John Warner
For the Chicago Tribune



Camille Bordas’ new book is “The Material,” out Tuesday. CLAYTON HAUCK

“Material” is the stuff out of which something else is made. Material also refers to a comedian’s bits, the stuff they deliver to audiences to make people laugh.

Camille Bordas’ new novel, “The Material,” mines both of those meanings to deliver an entertaining and perceptive story that somehow manages to bring us close to half a dozen (or more) characters in a novel where the action spans half of a single day.

Bordas brings this ensemble together under the umbrella of the first fine arts masters program for stand-up comedy at an unidentified downtown Chicago university. We are introduced to the faculty: Kruger, a successful comic who has recently made a turn as a dramatic actor in a Meryl Streep movie, and Donna, the only woman on the faculty, with a long and successful career as a touring comic who has never managed to take the next step to stardom.

The students include Olivia, who is suffused with ambition, and whose self-loathing translates to a sardonic misanthropy, and also Artie, a sweet-natured young man without an apparent edge who worries he is too good-looking for comedy, a fear his classmates and professors are only too eager to reinforce. Artie has a crush on Olivia. Olivia has no time for crushes.

There is also Murray Reinhardt, a super successful older comedian who is scheduled to join the faculty as a visitor, but is also going through a period of scandal that may make him toxic.

The stand-up MFA is clearly modeled on graduate creative writing programs — a milieu I know well — where the intersection of ambition, unrealized talent, jealousy and insecurity can lead to significant angst and self-doubt. Making the students stand-ups rather than writers turns the volume on these emotions to eleven, as the students see part of their work rise above their peers. There’s a reason why a comedian who has done well is said to have “killed.”

There is very little plot — the primary locus of action moves from a student workshop in the afternoon to a performance at the Empty Bottle in the evening — but Bordas still manages to create story tension simultaneously around everyone’s fate as a performer (their comedic material), and what is revealed about the characters (the material of one’s life) through incredibly fluid use of close third person narration that manages to move seamlessly from character to character even inside the same scene.

Every character has something weighing on their minds. Kruger’s father, who is living in a retirement home in the suburbs, has recently fired a gun in a bar, an incident Kruger has paid to cover up. Olivia’s twin, Sally, is on her way to Chicago that evening, and Olivia fears her sister will throw an emotional wrench in her plans to impress Murray Reinhardt. Reinhardt is dealing with the fallout of his scandals and lamenting the separation from his ex-wife and son Augie, who is a law student in Chicago, and the reason he has accepted the teaching position. Artie’s brother is a heroin addict who has gone missing … again.

“The Material” is primarily a novel of questions: What is the line between comedy and not comedy? How do we figure out what lives we’re supposed to live? What is the right way to love another person?

Is improv comedy an abomination as compared to the art form of stand-up?

What I ultimately appreciated about the book is that Bordas does not seek answers to these questions. Instead, they are probed, held up for scrutiny through different angles and different characters.

Because how could there be answers to these questions? In truth, our lives will always serve us more material, at least until our inevitable ends.

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you’ve read.

1. **“The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder”** by David Grann
2. **“Seven Steeples”** by Sara Baume
3. **“The Hunter”** by Tana French
4. **“Chenneville”** by Paulette Jiles
5. **“North Woods”** by Daniel Mason

— Mike C., Chicago

This is a gritty one, but I think Mike can handle it: **“No Country for Old Men”** by Cormac McCarthy.

1. **“Exit West”** by Mohsin Hamid
2. **“Roman Stories”** by Jhumpa Lahiri
3. **“The President is Missing”** by James Patterson and Bill Clinton
4. **“West with Giraffes”** by Lynda Rutledge
5. **“Boundary Waters”** by William Kent Krueger

— Carol B., Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

It’s been a while since I recommended one of my recent favorites, so that’s what I’m doing for Carol: **“Mercury Pictures Presents”** by Anthony Marra.

1. **“The Women”** by Kristin Hannah
2. **“The Last List of Mabel Beaumont”** by Laura Pearson
3. **“One Year After You”** by Shari Low
4. **“The Nightingale”** by Kristin Hannah
5. **“The Measure of a Man”** by Gene Getz

— Suzanne O., Mt. Prospect

For Suzanne, I’m recommending the understated romance and deep feeling of Kent Haruf’s **“Our Souls at Night.”**

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What to watch SUNDAY

June 9, 2024

All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

Tennis: French Open: Men’s Singles Final

NBC, 8 a.m. Live

The second Grand Slam tournament on the tennis calendar wraps up with the French Open men’s singles final at Roland-Garros in Paris.

Formula 1 Racing: AWS Canadian Grand Prix

ABC, 1 p.m. Live

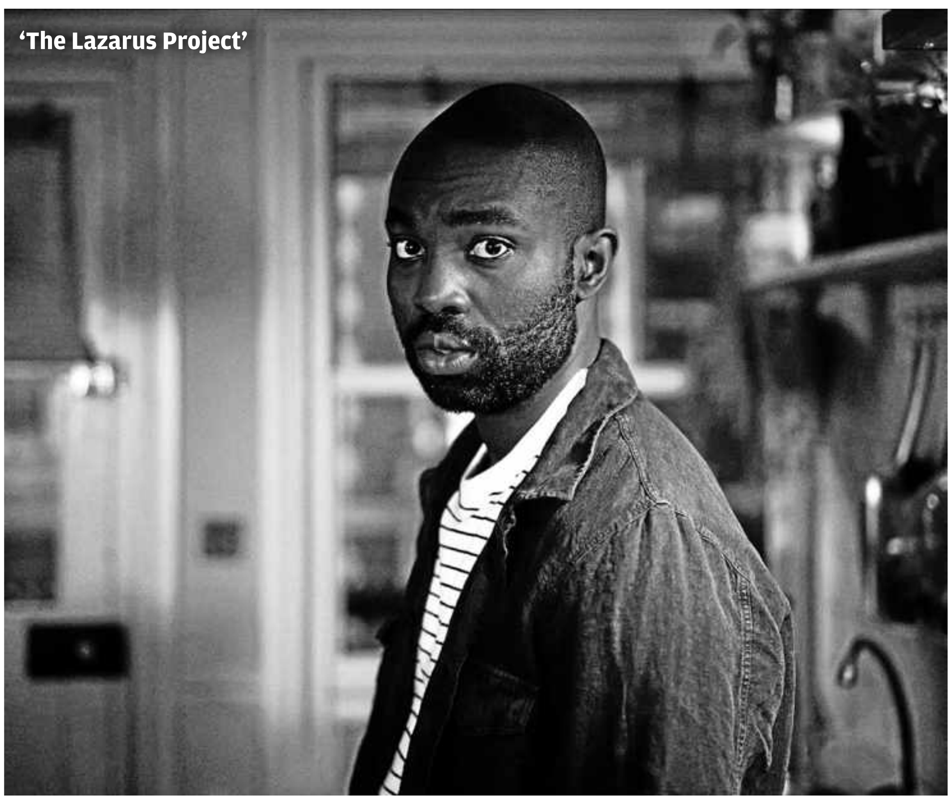
The F1 AWS Canadian Grand Prix brings Max Verstappen, Sergio Pérez, Charles Leclerc, Lando Norris, George Russell and more of F1’s best to Montreal to compete for 70 laps around 4.36-kilometer Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve.

The Wedding Rule

UPtv, 6 p.m. ■ Original Film

Former childhood friends (Julie Nolke and Dennis Andres) become lovers when an inheritance that has left them a restaurant stipulates that they be married to claim it.

‘The Lazarus Project’



SKY UK LIMITED

Gaslit by My Husband: The Morgan Metzer Story

Lifetime, 7 p.m. ■ Original Film

Based on a true story, this film follows Morgan (Jana Kramer) and Rodney Metzer (Austin Nichols), who were childhood sweethearts and married by the time Morgan was 21 years old. Tensions rise over financial hardships between the couple, and Rodney blames their fights on Morgan’s drinking, convincing her she pushed him down the stairs in a blackout rage. The couple finally separates, and Morgan’s life begins to turn around, until Rodney gets diagnosed with cancer. Lies come into question, and a startling discovery is made.

When Calls the Heart

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m.

In the new episode “What Goes Around,” Allie (Jaeda Lily Miller) makes a daring decision, and Nathan (Kevin McGarry) and Elizabeth (Erin Krakow) rush to intervene. Uncovered memories shift Lucas’ (Chris McNally) plans. Faith (Andrea Brooks) takes a big step. Mei (Amanda Wong) cooks for Hickam’s (Ben Rosenbaum) family.

The Lazarus Project

TNT, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The second season of the action thriller returns as the world has locked into a deadly time loop and the Lazarus team must race against time to save humanity. In the new season, resolute Lazarus agent George (Paapa Essiedu) has been left in disgrace after betraying the organization in the name of love. He is determined to redeem himself and win back the trust of his friends, his colleagues and the love of his life. But when he discovers that the cause he is fighting for is more sinister than it appears, he suspects that the only person he can really trust is himself.

CATCH A CLASSIC

The Lady From Shanghai (1947)

MOVIES!, 7 p.m.



EVERETT COLLECTION

Orson Welles directed, co-wrote and co-stars with his then-wife Rita Hayworth in this legendary 1947 film noir. Welles plays a seaman who meets a beautiful woman (Hayworth) and her husband (portrayed by Everett Sloane, one of Welles’ collaborators with the Mercury Theatre) aboard a yacht and ends up embroiled in a complex murder plot. The famous climax with a shootout in a hall of mirrors is just one reason why this terrifically filmed and performed production has been preserved in the National Film Registry.

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



‘Titanic’

20TH CENTURY STUDIOS

Burning Little Lies (2021, Suspense) Annika Foster, Ashlynn Yennie **LMN, 5 p.m.**

The Big Wedding (2013, Romance-comedy) Robert De Niro, Diane Keaton **VH1, 5 p.m.**

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013, Science fiction) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson **AMC, 5 p.m.**

Savoring Paris (2024, Romance) Bethany Joy Lenz, Stanley Weber **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Urban Cowboy (1980, Drama) John Travolta, Debra Winger **CMT, 6 p.m.**

Beaches (2017, Drama) Idina Menzel, Nia Long **LMN, 7 p.m.**

Kong: Skull Island (2017, Adventure) Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson **A&E, 7 p.m.**

Titanic (1997, Historical drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet **VH1, 7 p.m.**

What’s Love Got to Do With It (1993, Biography) Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne **BET, 7:30 p.m.**

Pretty in Pink (1986, Romance-comedy) Molly Ringwald, Jon Cryer **CMT, 9 p.m.**

Romance in Style (2022, Romance-comedy) Jaicy Elliot, Benjamin Hollingsworth **Hallmark, 9 p.m.**

Roommate Regret (2024, Suspense) Maryana Dvorska, Josh Cole **LMN, 9 p.m.**

From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

Tykwer never imagined 'voyage' film would take

Director, star recall whirlwind frenzy of 'Run Lola Run'

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press



Franka Potente stars in "Run Lola Run." The film is returning to theaters to mark its 25th anniversary. SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Lola's red hair might have been a mistake. Not the color, mind you. Franka Potente's electric locks in "Run Lola Run" are as intrinsic to the adrenaline rush of her sprint through Berlin as the film's heart-racing electronic score. Given the choice now, however, Potente would say no to bleaching her hair three times in one day.

Still, regrets are few about the film and the whirlwind frenzy of its life-changing success. And when you're 22 and making an experimental indie with like-minded, convention-defying peers, hair damage is not top of mind. It was just part of the reckless fun of making this wild film about a woman who has 20 minutes to try to collect 100,000 Deutschmarks to save her boyfriend's life.

For its 25th anniversary, Sony Pictures Classics has sent a beautiful 4K restoration of "Run Lola Run" to theaters nationwide. Filmmaker Tom Tykwer even got to fix some of the tiny problems that have bothered him over the years.

"It's now the pristine and super nice 'perfect' version of a still beautifully imperfect movie," he said.

This interview with Potente and Tykwer has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: This is embarrassing, but I kind of became aware of the movie because I saw a photo of Natalie Portman dressed as Lola at a Halloween Party.

Potente: She told me that she did that! I was like, oh my god. Tom has stories like that too. Even today these cool little things surface. Didn't Gregory Peck's widow say that Gregory Peck saw and loved "Run Lola Run" before he passed? Those were moments …



Tykwer



Potente

Tykwer: I remember we were already shooting "The Princess and the Warrior," and we were in a hotel in Wuppertal, Germany, and sleeping and the reception calls and says, "I have Dustin Hoffman on the phone." I'm like, "Ha ha ha, I'm sleeping." It was the middle of the night, and he had just seen the movie and was completely flipping out, like "I want to be in your next movie." I said, "We're already shooting." And he's like "Where are you? I'm coming." "But it's German language." "I don't care."

P: Six months later, he was in Berlin, and I drove him around in my car that had tons of cigarette butts and trash, and he loved it. He was like oh my god this is an adventure, like with these little punks. I was driving a Saab 900, so many cigarette butts and Red Bull cans.

T: I made a movie with him seven years later ("Perfume: The Story of a Murderer").

Q: Lola has been so referenced in pop culture, a Bon Jovi music video, an episode of the children's show "Phineas and Ferb." Have you seen many? Do you have a favorite?

T: "The Simpsons" one is great. It was funny because no one ever asked, and I suddenly saw it watching television. I was like, you even took our music. It was probably better than any awards we could have ever got. Now forever we are in "The Simpsons."

I've actually even been in talks about a TV series. If the concept is interesting, why not do it? Either it reminds people of how good our film is or people will be like, "That's a good variation." Quoting and remaking and rethinking and reinventing is also what I do as a filmmaker. So, I like it. Even if it fails, I like it.

Q: What's it like watching it on the big screen again?

T: I never watch my movies again. Once they're done, I'm done. The most incredible thing about it is that for any film that you make, there comes a time when you suddenly are really able to watch it as the audience and not as the person that was there all the time. It's emancipated from you. I'm just older. I'm not the guy anymore who made this film. And I watched it as if I was the audience. It's so nice. I so enjoyed Franka, who's so energetically enigmatic and, in this new transfer, glowing in a way.

Q: Where do you think "Run Lola Run" fits in cinematic history?

T: In the end of the '90s, there were some quite important films, and I'm happy to say maybe we were one of them. There was stuff like "The Matrix" and a movie like "Man on the Moon," this really great, strange film that Miloš Forman did with Jim Carrey.

At the time, at the turn of the millennium, filmmaking strategy went through a renewal, and I think we were a tiny part of this. The reinvention of television, I think it was ignited by cinema and by the new ways of storytelling. We're just one — not irrelevant — spark in there.

Q: What was the frenzy like around the time of its release?

P: It's comparable to, in my mind, what a musician's life might be like — like a rock star or a stereotyped idea of what that would be like. And that's what it was like for probably a year or two. By the time we got an MTV Award, I was like, I'm done. I'm not even going. I didn't even go and pick it up. I couldn't. It was just I was like, I'm going to be on the couch. It's crazy. Why didn't I go? I should have gone.

Q: Were you surprised that it caught on like it did?

T: You have to remember it was a small, super independently financed film. It got lots of head-scratching from those people who brought money in, like, "It starts three times, that doesn't make a movie." One of the things I loved was that it seemed like an action movie, but with a strong emotional center and quite a lot of structural and philosophical substance underneath. I thought you can bring all this together in a movie. It's why I was mentioning "The Matrix," which was like the big scale sibling to us. That's how we all got to know each other, we both reached out and were like, "Who are you and what are you trying?" That's what the energy was.

We never imagined the voyage the movie would take. It was a nerdy, quirky movie that we only made because we loved making it. We were really innocent kids. Maybe that's part of the beauty and the energy of the film, and why it's so delightful. I could never do it now. I'm not that person anymore unfortunately.

Widow turned to Patterson to keep Crichton's words flowing

By Alicia Rancilio
Associated Press



Sherri Crichton, seen May 21, holds "Eruption," a book by her late husband, Michael Crichton, and co-authored by James Patterson. WILLY SANJUAN/INVISION

When "Jurassic Park" author Michael Crichton died from cancer in 2008, he left behind numerous unfinished projects, including a manuscript he began 20 years ago about the imminent eruption of Mauna Loa, the world's largest active volcano.

Crichton's widow Sherri, who is CEO of CrichtonSun, tapped another millions-selling author — James Patterson— to complete the story. "Eruption" is out now.

Patterson is very familiar with co-authoring. In recent years, he has published novels with Bill Clinton and Dolly Parton, and often shares writing responsibilities on his other novels.

For "Eruption," Crichton says she gave Patterson all of her husband's research, and he came back with an outline. Some of the story needed to be brought forward to present day.

"We talked probably every few weeks," Sherri Crichton says. "It was so much fun to read. It would be hard to tell what was Crichton and what's Patterson's."

Besides "Eruption," four novels have been published under Michael Crichton's name since his death, some with the help of other writers. Sherri Crichton says to expect "other Michael Crichton adventures" in the future.

This interview with Sherri Crichton has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: You've worked hard to preserve Michael's archive. Why is that important to you?

A: When Michael died I was pregnant with our son. I was like, "How am I going to raise our son with him not knowing his father?" So I had to go searching for Michael, and I found him through his papers, which is so remarkable. It gives me so much joy to bring things like "Eruption" to life, because it really does allow John Michael the opportunity to really know his father. That's why I do what I do. It's for the love of him and Michael's daughter, Taylor.

Q: What did you discover from those papers?

A: Michael had structure and discipline. He was constantly moving all of his projects around. When he wrote "Jurassic Park," he was also writing four or five other books at the exact same time. He charted everything. How many words he wrote in a day, how many pages, how did that compare to other days, how long it took. Then he would have different charts that would compare what one book was doing compared to, say, for instance, "Fear" or "Disclosure." Then he would have another chart that would track the amount of time it would take to publication, the amount of time it took to sell the movie rights, then for the movie to be released.

Q: Sometimes when people are so cerebral, they struggle socially. Did Michael?

A: The person I knew was this incredibly kind, loving, humble, wonderful man that was a great father and incredible husband and fun to be around. I will say he was famous for his pregnant pauses. When writing a book, the pauses would be longer. You didn't know if he was really at the table. He was working something out, and he would isolate to land that plane. At first, it was very shocking when he was in the zone, but I learned to very much respect that. Like, "I'm not going anywhere. He's not going anywhere. And I can't wait to read the book."

Q: When do you feel closest to Michael?

A: I still live in our home. I still have the office, which is at home. I honestly feel that he's always in the other room writing. I really don't ever feel disconnected to him. And our son is such the spitting image of him. John Michael has never known his father, and he has some of the exact characteristics of Michael. He's very cerebral. He's very articulate. He's a sucker for a great book and research. And he's a really good writer.



Summer book recommendations include "Night Flyer" by Tiya Miles, "Hip-Hop is History" by Questlove, "Charlie Hustle" by Keith O'Brien, "You Like It Darker" by Stephen King, "Same as it Ever Was" by Claire Lombardo and "A Last Supper of Queer Apostles" by Pedro Lemebel. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

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pulled into ugly family business — plays like a Palermo breeze.

YOU GOT THE TOP PULLED DOWN AND RADIO ON, BABY

"Traveling: On the Path of Joni Mitchell" (June 11) is the best kind of summer bio. It's too critical and wandering to read like hero worship. NPR's Ann Powers, among the smartest of music critics, captures the restlessness of a Mitchell album, walking through her catalog with eyes and ears open for both unease and transcendence. **"Hip-Hop is History"** (June 11) nails a similar feeling: It's less like a timeline than a long hang with the Roots' Questlove, who digs through the classics, offering reminiscence and discernment.

FAMILY TIME

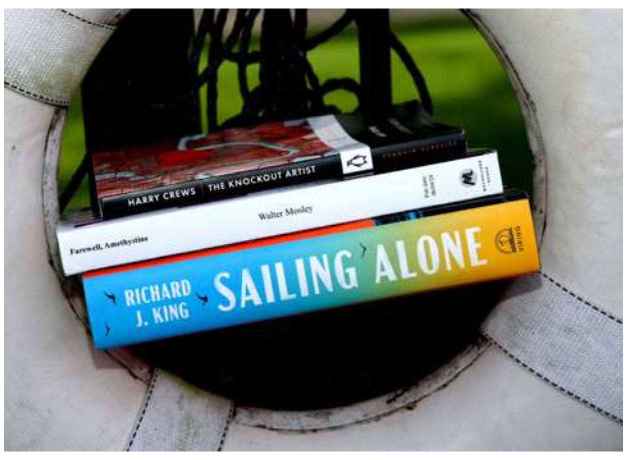
'Tis the season for other people's problems. **"Same as It Ever Was"** (June 18), by Oak Park native Claire Lombardo ("The Most Fun We Ever Had"), and **"Long Island Compromise"** (July 9) by Taffy Brodesser-Akner ("Fleishman Is in Trouble"), check a lot of boxes — relatable but never dull, reliably bonkers family, funny. But they're also breezy satires of privilege without sacrificing gravitas. Lombardo hems with modesty to the way minor breaks in routine spiral into epic crisis. Brodesser-Akner, who twists her knife with more relish, begins with actual crisis (a mysterious kidnapping and release), then leaps to the surprising ways it stamps fear into each member of the wealthy family. For austerity: **"This Strange Eventful History,"** Claire Messud's somewhat autobiographical saga about several generations of a French family, severed from each other during World War II, and the way time and distance become inevitable.

TALES OF FUTURE PAST

"What the Wild Sea Can Be: The Future of the World's Ocean" (July 16), by Helen Scales, a marine biologist who doesn't write like one. Here is a clear-eyed survey of what ails ocean life, shaped by Scales's own experience and a bracing look at what's being done. For something completely different: **"The Book of Elsewhere"** (July 23) is not quite science fiction, or fantasy, but as hard to pin down as you might expect a book authored by British surrealist China Miéville and Keanu Reeves. It's also fun, a novel-length continuation of Reeves's hot comic book, "BRZRKR," a kind of Conan the Barbarian tale with black helicopters.

REBEL YELLS

"Nat Turner, Black Prophet: A Visionary History" (Aug. 13) begins with what you (might) know: In 1831, an enslaved preacher named Nat Turner led an uprising that was inevitably quashed, yet promised more to come. The late historian Anthony E. Kaye, with Gregory P. Downs, retells this in a fascinating new way, centering Turner's conviction that he was a vessel of God. **"Night Flyer: Harriet Tubman and the Faith Dreams of a Free People"** (June 18), by National Book Award-winner Tiya Miles, takes a similar approach to a more familiar American hero: It focuses on Tubman as a spiritual leader and self-taught ecologist. It's the lyrical biography we'll need before Tubman — already more myth than person — begins gracing the $20 bill, starting in 2030.



"The Knockout Artist" by Harry Crews, "Farewell, Amethystine" by Walter Mosley and "Sailing Alone" by Richard J. King.

CRUEL SUMMER

Personally, it's not summer unless I stretch out with a new Stephen King, and if that sounds familiar: **"You Like It Darker,"** his latest collection of stories, is among his smartest, yet tipping toward crime tales and the *slightly paranormal*. The centerpiece, "Danny Coughlin's Bad Dream," is a stealth, 140-page mystery novel tucked beside a "Cujo" postscript and the gorgeous "Answer Man," a late-career classic. For best results: Follow with Harlan Ellison's **"Greatest Hits,"** a new compilation of vintage tales that shaped sci-fi and horror, inspiring King and Neil Gaiman (who writes the forward). Sentient AI, dystopias, alien copulation, evil twins …

TWO ABSORBING SPORTS BOOKS THAT AREN'T ACTUALLY ABOUT SPORTS

Joseph O'Neill's **"Godwin"** — like his celebrated 2008 novel "Netherland" — defies quick description. It reads like a fable, opening with the corporate chill of a Pittsburgh office then travels to suburbs of London and soccer fields of Africa. It follows the story of a soccer agent who talks his estranged brother into finding a soccer phenom. **"Charlie Hustle: The Rise and Fall of Pete Rose, and the Last Glory Days of Baseball,"** by former Chicago journalist Keith O'Brien, would make a nice double-header: It's not biography but taxonomy, a pungent epic about hubris and, in the figure of the disgraced Cincinnati Red, moral vacancy.

IT'S NOT THE HEAT; IT'S THE BRIMSTONE

"Craft: Stories I Wrote for the Devil" (June 18), by Chicago-based Ananda Lima has an eye-catching premise — you're reading a collection of stories by the author following a one-night stand with Satan — so clever, it's a relief to report that's merely the hook for a substantive first book of major confidence, and belly laughs. Speak of the devil: Randall Sullivan's **"The Devil's Best Trick: How the Face of Evil Disappeared"** and Ed Simon's **"Devil's Contract: The History of the Faustian Bargain"** (July 9) are ideal histories for the warmest weeks, cultural spelunkings into our centuries-old need to portray unencumbered immorality, from Nathaniel Hawthorne to the '80s Satanic Panic.

ONE LIT LIFE

"Norman Maclean: A Life of Letters and Rivers" is part author bio, part literary memoir, told by Rebecca McCarthy, a former student of Maclean who kept a lifelong friendship with the Hyde Park legend, a beloved professor at University of Chicago who — famously, very late in life — wrote "A River Runs Through It."

JUST A DREAM AND THE WIND TO CARRY ME

It's hard to relay how exhilarating, and unsettling, being a speck on the ocean is, with no other specks in sight, horizon to horizon. **"Sailing Alone: A Surprising History of Isolation and Survival at Sea,"** by maritime historian Richard J. King, gathers dizzying case studies of what drives people to do this, improvising steering systems for sleeping, talking to dolphins out of loneliness. Consider the complicated hero at the heart of Hampton Sides' excellent best-seller, **"The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook."** Cook represented the best of global exploration. Until he represented the worst. As forward-thinking as he was with native cultures, he died on a beach in Hawaii, stoned by its people. Sides's compulsively readable 16th-century history is about the gulf between decency and a boss's orders.

SUMMER ENNUI

If you have read Rachel Cusk — and if you haven't, there's your summer reading list — you're safe to assume her latest novel about creative life, **"Parade"** (June 18), starts with a darkly funny come-on (an artist paints a portrait of his wife, makes it ugly and it sells), only to end up very far afield. **"Fire Exit,"** the lacerating debut novel by Morgan Talty, whose story set "Night of the Living Rez" was a 2022 critical smash, delves again into the families in a Native American community, for a tale of a man haunted by descendants present and just out of reach. Speaking of haunting: **"We Burn Daylight"** (July 30), by the underrated novelist Bret Anthony Johnston ("Remember Me Like This") delivers another thriller less visceral than traumatic: The story of a cult in Waco, Texas, about to be taken by law enforcement, and the drama that unfolds inside and out. (Any similarities to Branch Davidians are purely intentional.)



"Nat Turner, Black Prophet: A Visionary History" by Anthony E. Kaye and Gregory P. Downs, "The Work of Art" by Adam Moss and "Circle of Hope" by Eliza Griswold.

RETHINKING SUMMER PROGRAMMING

"Something authentic, buried beneath something fake." That's how New Yorker TV writer Emily Nussbaum perfectly explains the allure of both "The Bachelor" and "Candid Camera" in **"Cue the Sun! The Invention of Reality TV"** (June 25). She works magic, walking on that wavering line between fandom and disgust but never scolding. **"The Future Was Now: Madmen, Mavericks, and the Epic Sci-Fi Summer of 1982"** (July 30), by "Caddyshack" historian Chris Nashawaty, begins with the maxim "Film critics get it wrong all the time," then proves it. This is Gen-X catnip, a backstage rewind through a momentous movie summer that delivered us "Blade Runner," "The Thing," "E.T.," "The Road Warrior" and far more.

SUMMERTIME SADNESS

"Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space," by Adam Higginbotham — whose remarkable "Midnight in Chernobyl" established him as the go-to narrator of tragedies — reads like a backward mystery, starting with the Space Shuttle explosion in 1986, then unwinding through institutional arrogance and the queasy assumption of "acceptable risk" that dooms even the best intentions. Eliza Griswold's equally immersive **"Circle of Hope: A Reckoning with Love, Power and Justice in an American Church"** (Aug. 6) documents the conflicts and frayed idealism that pulled a Philadelphia church apart over 30 years, but Griswold — whose "Amity and Prosperity" won the nonfiction Pulitzer in 2019 — grounds much of the story in old-fashioned fly-on-the-wall reporting, tagging along until she's invisible.

SUMMER ART FARE

At some point this summer, you may duck into the cool marble halls of a museum. **"Footnotes from the Most Fascinating Museums,"** by New Yorker cartoonist Bob Eckstein, is a lovely wish list of American options, dreamily illustrated, full of histories of the classics (the Art Institute of Chicago), but also breathing museums, Kentucky's Noah's Ark, the Rothko Chapel in Texas … **"The Work of Art: How Something Comes From Nothing,"** by former New York magazine editor Adam Moss, should get you through the rest of summer. Here is a brick of insight into that creative purgatory called the process, featuring notebook scribbles, sketches and chats with Sofia Coppola, Gay Talese, Suzan-Lori Parks and many more artists in far-flung fields. **"Dinosaurs at the Dinner Party"** (Aug. 6) could be an engrossing anecdote from those books, the story of why history museums are now occupied by creatures none of us have seen. It follows the accidental discoveries that led to piecing together the first dinosaur skeletons, and what that meant for naturalists and clergy alike.

ELECTION-YEAR READING THAT ISN'T A CHORE

What ails us, Frank Bruni writes in **"The Age of Grievance,"** isn't grievance — this is a nation, of course, founded on the stuff. But rather, "a manner of individualism often indistinguishable from narcissism," fostering "a violent rupture of our national psyche." It's an illuminating rant about humility, and one that echoes throughout **"The Playbook: A Story of Theater, Democracy and the Making of a Culture War,"** by James Shapiro. Here, the history is the birth and death of the New Deal's Federal Theatre Project, and the question of whether a country so fractious can sustain a national theater. Each chapter, often centered on loathsome political hearings, is part rousing, part enraging.

DIPPING INTO THE DEEP END

One of the year's best books is **"I Just Keep Talking: A Life in Essays"** by Nell Irvin Painter, a digressive, accessible summer course on visual aesthetics (Black Power art), Southern history, Black figures both well-known (Sojourner Truth) and obscure (Alma Thomas), but primarily, the art of writing a pointed essay. **"The Art of Dying: Writings 2019-2022"** collects the final 46 stories by late New Yorker critic Peter Schjeldahl, from his 2019 essay about learning he had advanced lung cancer to his final piece on German photographer Wolfgang Tillmans. It's another art course in a book (with a bonus introduction by Schjeldahl pal Steve Martin). For a decidedly more fun essay: **"Any Person Is the Only Self"** (June 11), by Elisa Gabbert, which collects her thoughts on Sylvia Plath, Motley Crue, "Point Break," Proust …

I KNOW WHAT YOU READ THIS SUMMER

Gabino Iglesias, whose "The Devil Takes You Home" was one of the best books of 2022, summons similar darkness for **"House of Bone and Rain"** (Aug. 6), returning the author to his native Puerto Rico for more gangs, bad weather and traditions that slowly draw in creepy crawlies. Iglesias is where Paul Tremblay ("Cabin at the End of the World") was a few years ago. **"Horror Movie"** (June 11), Tremblay's latest, is a new jewel, the story of a cursed film, alternating between the screenplay and "the unreality of the entertainment ecosystem" that worships it. (Read before the inevitable horror movie of "Horror Movie.")

SUMMER SLEEPERS

"The Swans of Harlem" tells a vibrant, lovingly researched group biography of the 152nd Street Black Ballet Legacy Council, the five Black ballerinas who, at the peak of the civil rights movement, brought new urgency to a segregated art form. **"When Women Ran Fifth Avenue"** is another unheralded history, a fascinating excavation of the midcentury women — including two Chicagoans, Dorothy Shaver and Geraldine Stutz — whose designs and ideas reinvented American and consumer fashion. In each of these books, a set of women is assembling a world they want. Bringing that history into today: In **"Rebel Girl: My Life as a Feminist Punk,"** Kathleen Hanna of Le Tigre and Bikini Kil writes about the grassroots Riot Grrrl movement and her fidelity to a low-fi, DIY independent music scene with bluntness, stumbling through the '90s, loaded with exclusionary politics and hope.

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Miller writes about darkness, light in life

Painful memoir, delightful kid's story emerge from same author

By Elizabeth A. Harris
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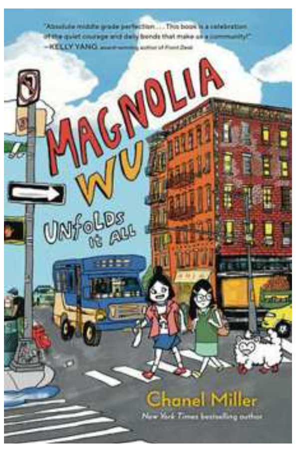
Chanel Miller has wanted to be a children's book author and illustrator since the second grade, when she started writing stories that her teacher would laminate.

But her first published book, despite being a bestseller and a winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award, was not at all what she'd wished for. It was a memoir about surviving sexual assault and its aftermath called "Know My Name."

Brock Turner, who had been a Stanford University swimmer, was found guilty of sexually assaulting Miller while she was unconscious after a party on campus in 2015. His sentence, six months in jail, was widely criticized as lenient, and a letter she read to the court at the sentencing hearing was published online and read in Congress.

Now, after years trying to raise awareness about sexual assault and trauma, Miller has returned to her original dream with a second book, "Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All." It's a work of middle-grade fiction about a girl who plays detective in her family's laundromat, reuniting misplaced socks with their owners. The "gentle chaos" of her book tour has been a balm, she said, as has been the creation of something that came from herself and not as a reaction to something that happened to her.

"April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, so I talked to the American Bar Association; I did fundraising events in Iowa, San Diego, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire," Miller said. And then, she said, she went right into a book tour



'MAGNOLIA WU UNFOLDS IT ALL'
By Chanel Miller; Philomel Books, 160 Pages, $17.99.

for "Magnolia Wu," speaking at events where some audience members were dressed as characters from Dr. Seuss books.

"There was a kid standing up at a microphone to ask a question wearing a Thing One shirt with a blue wig on, little blue hairs blowing in the wind," she said. She looked at her new friend and wondered: "How did I get here?' "

For all her somber public appearances, Miller is easy to laugh and quick to crack a joke, and she sees the world in vivid visual metaphors. As a guest on the "CBS Mornings" show in April, perched at a round glass table with the CBS eye logo in the middle, she said she was "honored to be sitting at this giant contact lens of a table." These playful images appear in her writing as well.

Magnolia Wu, the protagonist in her new book, is an almost-10-year-old girl who lives in New York City with her parents. ("She was eager to turn 10," Miller wrote, "because the number 9 looked like a sprout coming out of the ground, small and easily stomped.")

Magnolia's parents, originally from China, work at Bing Qi Ling Bubbles Laundromat, where Magnolia expects to spend her summer hanging out with Mister Pants, the family dog, while her mom folds piles of laundry, and her dad makes deliveries.

Miller's mother, who was a writer in China, moved to the United States in her 20s with very limited English proficiency and worked at a dry cleaner and a flower shop, as well as a real estate agent and as an aerobics instructor at a YMCA. Miller's father is a retired therapist who grew up in Kentucky. They raised Miller and her sister, to whom the book is dedicated, in California.

One day, Magnolia's mother introduces her to a new kid in town named Iris who has just moved from Santa Cruz, California. When Magnolia asks Iris how she likes New York, Iris frowns and says that she saw a dead rat floating in a puddle. In response, Magnolia thinks: "She's a grass person."

But the girls become friends, spending their time trying to reunite lost socks with their owners, each sock a small mystery: Who would have a sock covered in neon-pink flamingos? Whose socks would be dotted with ice cream cones?

Miller had the idea for "Magnolia" in 2020, shortly after she moved to New York City, where her local laundromat had a bulletin board dotted with abandoned socks.

Every January, the board was cleared, and the process would start again.

"New Yorkers are like little squirrels; you have to seek out so much," she said. "I'd go get my mail or go get my laundry, all these



Chanel Miller, author of the bestseller "Know My Name," is seen April 23 in New York. She has wanted to write children's books since she was a child. LANNA APISUKH/THE NEW YORK TIMES

errands on an endless loop." Her mood, she said, would be punctuated by the small interactions she'd have along the way, and she'd always come home feeling better than when she left.

"Magnolia Wu" is also about getting out into the world, Miller said, even though life is unpredictable. "That's what my dad would say when I was super depressed," Miller said. " 'Stay in circulation.' "

While the book is mostly filled with lighthearted humor and delight, it also tackles serious subjects, including anti-Asian racism. The words "go home" are scrawled on the front window of the exercise studio where Iris' mother teaches.

Miller said that at a recent event for "Magnolia Wu," an Asian American woman approached with tears in her eyes, and Miller assumed that she wanted to talk about "Know My Name," Miller's memoir. But the woman had been moved by "Magnolia Wu" and the words "go home."

"In her memoir, which is of course a serious topic, she also manages to inject moments of levity," said Jill Santopolo, Miller's editor and publisher of the imprint Philomel. "In this book that is really funny and fun, she manages to beautifully inject moments of depth and really profound thoughts and ideas. In that sense, I think it's clear to me that

it's the same person who wrote both of these books. It's someone who is able to write about the darkness and the light in life."

Her two books are indeed different, and that, Miller said, is her perhaps greatest achievement: showing that her painful memoir and this delightful story for children emerged from the same person.

"I keep hearing the word 'departure,' " Miller said.

"But the word 'departure' indicates leaving, and I cannot leave something that's still inside me," she continued. "I actually think I'm most proud of embodying both stories, whereas before, I thought the goal was to eagerly leave all that behind."

NONFICTION REVIEWS

Hunt for killers takes some detours

The subtitle of "Long Haul" is "Hunting the Highway Serial Killers," but that's not what it's really about. Or, at least, not all of the time.

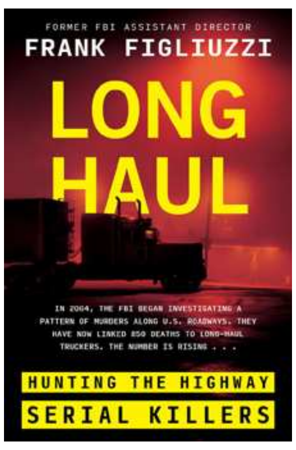
Frank Figliuzzi's book is best when it listens to its subtitle. The former Federal Bureau of Investigation assistant director introduces us to a special FBI unit that, since 2004, has linked more than 850 killings to long-haul truckers. It's shocking to find out there are so many homicides believed to have been committed by truckers and to realize the problem is grave enough for the FBI to have created the Highway Serial Killings Initiative.

Figliuzzi is quick to point out that the vast majority of truckers are law-abiding folks, whose difficult work keeps this country running. But "Long Haul" also gets at the unique aspects of the job that can make its practitioners turn violent: loneliness, sometimes-shadowy regulation, unhealthy hours and more.

"Long Haul" contains fascinating information on how some killers have been tracked down, using methods that range from the latest in high-tech criminology to clues left carelessly behind.

There would seem to be plenty of information here for a true-crime stunner. But Figliuzzi muddies "Long Haul" by including chapters in which he drives along with a (law-abiding) truck driver, detailing their not-scintillating efforts to load and unload flatbeds. He also delves into the psychology of sex workers who hang out at truck stops, a little-explored subculture that merits its own book.

Readers may also be vexed by Figliuzzi's methodology. The three people quoted most in the book, two truckers and a sex-worker-



'LONG HAUL'
By Frank Figliuzzi; Mariner Books, 272 pages, $25.99.

turned-counselor, use pseudonyms. Other sources aren't named at all.

In other words, I spent too much of "Long Haul" wondering about the story behind the story. Figliuzzi has spotlighted a fascinating world that I knew nothing about, and I'm grateful for that. I just wish all of his sources had been with him for the long haul. — *Chris Hewitt, Minneapolis Star Tribune*

Bill Wasik and Monica Murphy's "Our Kindred Creatures" is a revelatory, beautifully crafted account of the rise of animal-rights activism in the U.S. Born in the aftermath of the Civil War, the movement evolved rapidly, reflecting a tenuously reunited country weary of agony and distress. Wasik, an editor at the New York Times magazine, and Murphy, a veterinarian, paint a vibrant portrait of the movement's thinkers and doers.

At the center were three remarkable figures: Henry Bergh, a patrician repulsed by Spanish bullfights who leveraged his affluence to shape laws; Caroline White of Philadelphia, a brilliant organizer who elevated women to the front ranks; and Boston's George Angell, "a gifted rhetorician who channeled both the slashing moral-



'OUR KINDRED CREATURES'
By Bill Wasik and Monica Murphy; Knopf, 464 pages, $35.

ism of a newspaperman and the celestial fire of a preacher."

Together, they cobbled the ASPCA, and within six years, chapters thrived in eight of America's 10 largest cities. Wasik and Murphy rightly connect the ASPCA to reformist currents, from the struggle over racial segregation to women's suffrage to improved housing and sanitation standards.

Angell emerges as the book's colossus, straddling continents and decades to gather the world's species into his care. "Our Kindred Creatures" pivots from his death in 1909 to his legacy: the vectors of ASPCA principles into the culture and the persistence of coarse rationalizations for beef consumption.

The authors remind us that for all the strides we've made to alleviate pain, we must do better: "What would it take to inaugurate a new type of goodness, one that convinced Americans to take seriously their responsibility to the nation's food animals?"

Elegant, meticulous and urgent, "Our Kindred Creatures" is social history at its finest. — *Hamilton Cain, Minneapolis Star Tribune*

FICTION REVIEWS

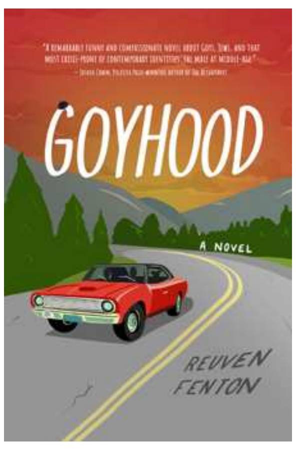
Road trip story has unorthodox twist

In the beginning was ... a lie. One day a rabbi knocked on the door of a woman with a Jewish-sounding last name in a small town in Georgia to recruit new members for his synagogue. When he asks if she knows of any Jews in the area, Ida Mae Belkin admits to being one herself. This comes as a shock to her 12-year-old twins Marty and David, who grew up believing in not much more than the national pastime of TV and fast food.

Fast forward some 20 years and Marty, who has become a religious scholar at a Brooklyn yeshiva and goes by the more Jewish-sounding name of Mayer, finds out via Ida Mae's suicide note that she lied, and he and David are not in fact Jewish. That means his marriage to devoutly Orthodox Sarah is effectively null and void since she never would have consented to marry someone outside the faith.

What to do? Clearly, the only solution is to convert to Judaism "on the down-low," as Mayer's pot-smoking rascal of a brother puts it, and in the meantime, take a road trip through the Deep South to, well, relax. So begins Reuven Fenton's quirky debut novel, "Goyhood," which takes the classic literary theme of the journey — think Homer's "Odyssey" or Jack Kerouac's "On the Road" — and gives it a decidedly unorthodox twist.

Over the course of their journey, the brothers will adopt a one-eyed dog, almost get blown up in a fireworks store and eventually scatter Ida Mae's ashes in the Great Smoky Mountains. David's good friend Charlayne, an Instagram influencer, wonders if their trip isn't a kind of rumspringa, the Amish rite of passage when young people are encouraged to break the rules



'GOYHOOD'
By Reuven Fenton; Central Avenue, 288 pages, $28.

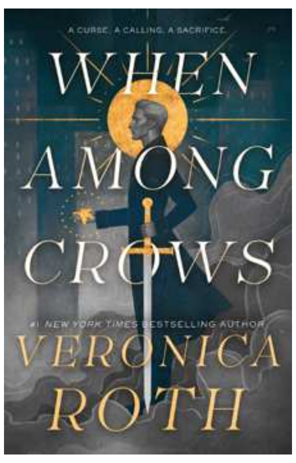
before joining the church.

At the beginning of their travels, Mayer defines his "goyhood" — that is, the condition of not being Jewish — as "the state of rebounding from one travesty to the next." By the end, he has gained a glimmer of understanding about why the wife he adored was always so standoffish about sex.

Fenton has written a big-hearted novel about the enduring importance of faith and family. While some of the plot twists are a little meshuga — the Yiddish word for crazy — overall, the book is a lot of fun. — *Ann Levin, Associated Press*

Dymitr is on a personal mission, and it starts with facing the mythical leszy who's guarding the fern flower as it blooms for the summer solstice.

"When Among Crows," a novella by Veronica Roth — bestselling author of the "Divergent" series — dives into the world of Slavic mythology. A Chicago native tapping into Polish roots, Roth places nightmarish and intriguing creatures alike in the modern-day city. Whether it's the woodland leszy, the tragic wraith or the vampire-like strzyga, they've each found their place among the mortal



'WHEN AMONG CROWS'
By Veronica Roth; Tor Books, 176 pages, $19.99.

humans in the bustle of daily life.

It's a world where debts create magic, and Dymitr is about to send a lot of scales tipping. Before long, he has a motley crew of allies.

There's a Polish saying that opens the book: When among crows, you must caw as one. As Dymitr faces various trials, moving closer to his ultimate, secret goal, the curtains are parted, and we see just how many non-crows are hiding among us in plain sight. Their roles in the world are almost as intriguing as Dymitr's plotline, and could easily make for their own stories, but the novella keeps its focus. When we finally do find out what he's after, it means so much more for the bonds he has forged to get there.

Gruesome yet cavalier, "When Among Crows" has action, romance, family drama, fantasy and a healthy helping of mythology. The story is tight, the lore inviting and the characters fun. Roth knows how to cleanly fit an arc in under 200 pages without feeling rushed. It's the perfect length for the story, precisely because it leaves you wanting more. — *Donna Edwards, Associated Press*


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The Rev. John Hannah, center, of New Life Covenant Church Southeast, gathers with church members and area residents May 25 at the corner of East 79th Street and South Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago during the "Prayer on the 9" march against violence. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

LIFE

As the warm weather months get underway, a pastor leads a community march for nonviolence in the Chatham neighborhood

LIFE

Not just for kids

Some adults still sleep with a cherished stuffed animal by their side, and that isn't necessarily a problem



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TRAVEL

The dogged travelers

With extensive planning — and treats — 2,500 pampered pooches venture by plane and car to New York for the Westminster show

TRAVEL On 'hush trips,' remote workers log in discreetly from swanky vacation spots



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Niece seeks ways to say 'no' to added requests

Dear Amy: My aunt has fallen on hard financial times and has begun leaning on me. Although she has a daughter, two stepsons, a nephew and the biological father of the granddaughter she is raising, I'm the only one willing to help.

Others are quite able but unwilling due to choosing not to work, refusing to pay child support or falling out over the years.

I have agreed to directly deposit a certain amount of money into her account every month, but she consistently asks for more. I've suggested she reach out to the others instead of solely relying on me, but she appears to make little effort. I am giving her what I can without wrecking my own financial plans.

Do you have any suggestions about how to say "no" to further requests without seeming heartless?

— Nurturing Niece

Dear Niece: I assume that your concern about the child your aunt is raising is an important part of your motivation to extend ongoing generosity. I agree with your instinct to continue to protect yourself; this is vital.

You don't mention details about your aunt's work status or spending habits, but you should determine whether she is sending some of your funds out the door to deadbeat relatives.

One way to respond when she asks for more funds would be: "Tell me — what else are you doing to raise this money?" Be completely straightforward: "This is the limit to what I can give."

Help her to explore and apply for jobs and social services.

Dear Readers: As I announced previously, my final "Ask Amy" column in this space will run June 30. (Readers will be able to find me through my newsletter and at amydickinson.com.)

Until then, I'll occasionally open my files and rerun some previously published Q&As. The following is from 2021.

Dear Amy: Is the male "midlife crisis" a real thing? After 20 years of marriage, my "pillar of the community" husband started acting strangely. He started dressing young, going to bars, then quit sleeping at night.

When I found out he had an affair, I blew up, and he took off with the young barfly. Our grown daughters and I are hurt and sad that our family life seems over. I thought we had a great marriage and family.

Do these men ever come home?

I can easily forgive him and go to counseling to get back on track. We had made all kinds of retirement plans before this happened. In addition to being a husband and father, he is my best friend too.

— Don't Know What to Do

Dear Don't Know: Midlife crises are not confined to men. And while these changes can seem very sudden, this is a panicked response to the existential crisis brought on by the realization that one's life is more than half over.

When the "crisis" moment arrives (sometimes prompted by a death in the family, a landmark birthday, children about to leave the nest or job frustration), a person at midlife looks around, sings the old Peggy Lee song, "Is That All There Is?," and decides that a pumped-up body, a younger partner or a new toy in the garage will fix everything.

To quote a moment from one of my favorite movies, "Moonstruck," the wise wife looks at her philandering husband and declares: "Cosmo, I just want you to know that — no matter what you do, you're going to die, just like everybody else."

Rather than concentrate your energy on your husband's behavior and choices, I hope you will take a long look at your own life. Yes, cope with your anger and give yourself the release of forgiving him if you can. Understand that his behavior does not negate the happiness of the 20-year family-building phase of your own life.

Quoting Peggy Lee again: "If that's all there is, my friend, then let's keep dancing..." I hope you will choose to "dance" again.

Dear Amy: "Friendless" lives in a rural area, has a young child and is looking to make friends. She needs to head to her closest public library.

— Been There

Dear Been There: All roads worth traveling lead to the library.

THE KID WHISPERER

Practice may help kids learn how to behave on school bus

By Scott Ervin
Tribune News Service



DREAMSTIME

Dear Kid Whisperer: I am an elementary school administrator. I have five to 10 students who cause major problems on one bus almost every day. We've tried suspensions. I've tried yelling. I'm out of ideas because I'm not on the bus with them. Is there anything I can do?

Dear Reader: First, you can't make this bus driver's job a great job. He or she does not have the Behavioral Leadership strategies and procedures to calmly create a positive, pro-social environment on the bus. If you have difficult kids on your bus and you have no strategies, you have an impossible problem.

However, what you can do is make this bus driver's life significantly better by teaching students how to behave on the bus and by allowing these students to learn and practice the proper behaviors for the bus. After all, none of your students have a bus at home, so they may not know how to act on a bus.

Here's how I would deal with students and their corresponding bus referrals as said students enter my office during non-instructional time — let's say, in this case, after school.

Kid Whisperer: Yikes. I tell you what. I think I owe you all a huge apology. I have been doing a lot of yelling at you and getting frustrated with you. I won't do that anymore. I feel badly, as an educator, that I didn't realize that you just don't know how to act on a bus. I should not have assumed that you did and, again, I apologize.

Kid No. 1: What's going on?

Kid No. 2: I, too, am wondering what is going on. Something's askew.

Kid Whisperer: Instead of getting frustrated, I'm going to lead some bus lessons for you all. I have set up a practice bus, and I'll lead bus lessons using my practice bus. Here's the practice bus.

(Kid Whisperer reveals a practice bus, eight chairs in four rows.)

Kid No. 3: What in the world!?!

Kid Whisperer: Here's how this is going to go. Your bus driver has chosen to suspend you all from the bus until you become experts at riding buses. This time after school is now your bus lesson time. According to your bus driver, you all lack two essential bus skills. One is sitting down, with the proper voice level and using proper language. The other is successfully walking to your assigned seats without causing problems.

Kid No. 4: This is stupid.

Kid Whisperer: OK, how long do you all need to sit on the bus the right way, for 45 minutes or an hour?

Kid No. 4: I said this is stupid.

Kid Whisperer: An hour is fine.

Kids Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6: (to Kid No. 4) Dude!!!

Kid Whisperer: We'll get that first one done first, but let's figure out how many times each of you need to practice walking to the correct assigned seat without causing a problem in order to show that you are experts. Do you need to do it 18 times or 47 times?

Kids Nos. 1- 6: 18!!!!

Kid Whisperer: OK, let's start with sitting the right way. Successful minutes are minutes during which you are being successful by using the right voice level, proper language and are keeping your hands to yourselves. Feel free to read, do work or draw. You can talk to each other if you'd like. Enjoy yourselves in any way that does not cause a bus problem! As soon as we're done with this, we'll be able to do the second lesson. I'll hold you in high esteem no matter how long it takes you all to be bus experts!

This can be done during any non-instructional time. Teaching proper behavior tends to be more effective, and more enjoyable, than simply punishing kids.

Behavioral consultant Scott Ervin, M.Ed, is a parent and former teacher and principal. He is the author of "The Classroom Behavior Manual: How to Build Relationships, Share Control, and Teach Positive Behaviors."

These parents 'really wanted' all of their children, actually



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I am the third daughter in a family of seven children — six daughters and one son, with my brother being the youngest. Anytime it is disclosed that my brother was the last child born, someone will say something along the lines of, "Wow, they must have really wanted that boy!"

I understand that people think they are just making conversation, but it is crass at best, and increasingly insulting as one goes down the line of girls who had to be "tolerated" in order to get the golden son.

This used to infuriate my father so much that he started replying, "No, I just really love to have sex with my wife," in order to shock people into silence. It was effective, but equally crass.

Can you provide a response that would answer the question truthfully (they were not trying for a boy, they just loved having a large family) and politely, while also giving some indication that the question itself is insulting and intrusive?

Gentle reader: "I'm not sure I understand. Of course they wanted all of us. Could you explain to me exactly why you assume otherwise?"

Miss Manners hopes that feigning this kind of ignorance will be enough to make rude people realize how crass they are being.

And if they are bold enough to continue? At least you will have fun watching them stumble through an awkward explanation.

Dear Miss Manners: I traveled by bus to attend a funeral for a family member in my hometown (where I no longer live). I don't mind riding the bus, and in fact, I relish the chance to listen to a podcast or audiobook and unwind.

The bus ride was about two hours, and I was seated next to a woman whom I could not, despite my best and most mannerly efforts, disengage from conversation. Should something like this happen in the future, what is a polite but firm way to disengage a chatty stranger, short of simply putting in my earbuds and ignoring him or her?

Gentle reader: The rude person on the bus — or the train or the airplane — has convinced you that ignoring her would be rude. It feels rude. If we ignore her own rudeness in forcing you into a conversation, it would be.

Miss Manners often says that one rudeness does not justify another, so how can this woman's rudeness cancel the rudeness of ignoring her?

Because it does. Etiquette is not stupid. It may, occasionally, allow one to use politeness as a bludgeon — but it does not allow rudeness to be so used. You may listen to your audiobook with a clear conscience, but you must steel yourself to do so.

Dear Miss Manners: Being a brunette, I started getting gray hair in my early 20s, and it became noticeable in my mid-20s. I dyed my hair from about ages 26 to 32 to hide it but decided to stop, due to cost and it being generally not healthy.

I'm now heading toward my late 30s and am probably one-third gray. I receive so many comments from so many people about my gray hair. It's never good/positive comments, and almost 100% from males.

They'll say things about how I should dye it to look younger, ask why I don't dye it, or say I would look so much better with it dyed. Some are coworkers or others I know personally; other times, it's random strangers I'm interacting with for the first time.

I think it's rude. I never know how to respond. Any suggestions?

Gentle reader: "I'm so sorry it bothers you. I'm happy with it."

Dear Miss Manners: I just hosted my book club in my home. A member who had never been in my home before whipped out her iPhone and started taking pictures of my artwork, furniture and knickknacks.

She is a nice person, and I don't own any Leonardos, but it felt like she was planning a heist. Is this photo-snapping acceptable? It felt creepy to me.

Gentle reader: A generous interpretation, Miss Manners supposes, would be that your guest was admiring your taste. But if you found the photo-taking creepy, you could have said, "I'd be happy to tell you the history of these pieces or share information on where to get some of them, but I don't want any photographs taken. If a home design magazine or auction house comes calling, then we can talk."

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

LIFE



The Rev. John Hannah, center, of New Life Covenant Church Southeast, uses a police SUV megaphone to give a prayer at the "Prayer on the 9" march against violence on May 25.

FOSTERING UNITY

Pastor kicks off summer with a community march that prays for nonviolence

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune

As summer gets underway in the city, minds and hearts turn toward making sure that the warmer months are filled with nonviolence.

The Rev. John Hannah of New Life Covenant Southeast Church mobilized thousands to come out May 25 for the annual "Prayer on the 9" peace march in Chatham. The event drew attendees to stand up against violence, raise awareness and foster unity by way of a 2-mile walk along 79th Street, from Greenwood Avenue to the Dan Ryan Expressway. In years past, people donned red clothing to pray along the South Side thoroughfare for an end to the violence. This year's theme was "Praying for Our City."

Hannah said that since the event has been taking place over the last decade, he's seen the crime rate decrease on 79th Street and in the Grand Crossing community, something he is excited about.



New Life Covenant Church Southeast members and area residents take part in the "Prayer on the 9" march in Chatham.

"The church that we own on 76th Street and Greenwood Avenue, there used to be a time that you couldn't drive down this street due to the drug use and the drug sales, but we ended up purchasing every drug house on that street, so now you see no drug activities on that street," Hannah said.

Hannah, a former juvenile probation officer who served the Englewood community, said his church partners with other churches in the community to march with his 20,000-member congregation, including individuals and relatives of those who have suffered the effects of gun violence. Hannah mentioned a recent shooting at 79th and Cottage Grove in front of Happy Liquor-Food, a space that the city of Chicago had decided to shut due to the amount of violence that took place in front of it. Hannah said the parents of a recent victim marched with the group.



People pray together at the end of the march. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

"The national news makes it appear as if Chicago is such a violent city and we will acknowledge we do have our share of violence, but America has a gun issue," Hannah said. "Every city is dealing with gun violence and, until we deal with the gun violence on a national level, we're all affected."

To help with that, Hannah made sure to have counselors offering mental health services and lawyers from legal clinics on-site at the rally to get people the help they need. The church has helped in numerous ways throughout the year, from community festivals to bus tours of historically Black colleges and universities for local youth. He said youth "deserve to live without fear, surrounded by community support and opportunities for a brighter future."

"Our goal is to show various pieces of the puzzle coming together to address one issue," Hannah said. "The Grand Crossing community used to be known as a dead zone, which means that very few businesses or anything was coming into that community. We don't want to call it a dead zone. My goal is to bring businesses and restaurants. … I want to feel like I live on the North Side, to be able to sit outside and eat food."

Englewood hosted its own similar event June 1, honoring gun violence victims and survivors' families during its third annual "Peace Fest: Black-on-Black Love Edition." The event commemorated Wear Orange Weekend, a national initiative to end gun violence and honor communities shattered by it.

Organized by Imagine Englewood if and the We Grow Chicago Community-based Coalition, including Think Outside Da Block, Healthy Hood, Chicago Survivors and Moms Demand Action, the fest featured food, music, a resource fair, and clothing and shoes giveaways.

Move over, honey. Teddy is getting in

Stuffed animals can provide comfort — even for grown-ups

By Hilary Sheinbaum
The New York Times


Fitness instructor Hollis Tuttle, 47, sleeps with Donk, a stuffed donkey she recently purchased, April 22 in New York. Sharing a bed with a partner sometimes means making space for a stuffed animal. ELIZABETH RENSTROM/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

By any standard, Scooter, 22, is a world traveler. After spending his early years in Weston, Connecticut, he moved to Syracuse, New York, for college before settling in New York City. He has also traveled to Hawaii, Dubai, Ecuador, South Africa and Australia.

Nearly two years ago, he ventured to the Maldives, Singapore and South Korea, accompanying a couple on their honeymoon. He even slept in their bed.

Scooter is not a person. He is the beloved stuffed animal — a brown, 16-inch-long Beanie Babies dog — of my friend Jaclyn Roth, an entertainment journalist in New York.

"It's nice knowing something safe is with me when I'm traveling overseas or to an unknown location," said Roth, 33, of the toy she received on her 10th birthday. "It just helps me sleep better."

Stuffed animals can help regulate their owners' nervous systems and provide comfort, said Jaime Zuckerman, a clinical psychologist in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, who specializes in anxiety, depression and complex relationship dynamics. "If you have a dog and you meet somebody, it's not like you get rid of the dog, right?" she said.

Roth said her husband is "very supportive" of Scooter. "He loves him like his own now," she added. (Nevertheless, her husband declined to comment for this article.)

When Lucie Blankenship, a global marketing professional in Dallas, married in Lake Oconee, Georgia, in June 2022, her stuffed duck, Chicky, was in tow.


Binkie, a stuffed unicorn, was given to Tuttle by a former boyfriend. Tuttle says she no longer sleeps with Binkie.

Chicky, who is more than three decades old, has matted fur, scratched beaded eyes and a hole in his head. Blankenship introduced him to her husband, Randy, within their first few months of dating.

" 'I've been keeping this secret from you,' " Blankenship, 33, said she told him, initially prompting some concern. "I pulled Chicky out of my closet and said, 'I sleep with a stuffed animal.' He just laughed."

Nowadays, Blankenship said, she sometimes wakes to find Chicky in her husband's arms. (He also declined to comment.)

There isn't a recommended age limit for adults who sleep with "stuffies," as they're often called, Zuckerman said. She added that while an awkward moment or conversation might occur the first time a potential partner sleeps over, childhood playthings aren't necessarily cause for concern.

"Let's say you can't find the stuffed animal, and because of that it causes intense distress and dysfunction, poor sleep regulation, insomnia and anxiety, and you can't be intimate because you're just so freaked out without it," Zuckerman said. "Then, yes, it becomes a problem."

Otherwise, "I don't see it as ever being an issue."

In chaotic times, adults may feel safer in the presence of their stuffed animals, she added. "If those objects hold the same stimulus properties as your family upbringing, or your home, or when you were a child and it brought you comfort, then those stimulus properties are going to continue," she said.

Victor Yang, 37, sleeps with a lightweight green-and-yellow "security blanket," as he calls it, with a star-and-crescent-moon design. Yang said the 4-by-3-foot blanket was given to him by family friends about 36 years ago. "I've always had this," he said. "It does give me comfort."

Over the years, his romantic partners have expressed zero qualms. "For the most part, they found it pretty cute," said Yang, a software engineer who lives in New York City on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. It also has some practical purposes: He uses it to block the sun or to keep himself warm.

"I will just keep using it until I can't," he said.

For adults who are looking to let go of furry friends (or blankets), Maddy Ellberger, a licensed therapist in Manhattan, suggested exposure therapy, a treatment method used to help people confront their fears.

However, Ellberger added, it isn't healthy to be pressured by a partner to ditch something beloved. "Being given an ultimatum is kind of a problem," she said. "If your partner is like, 'This is so dumb,' that's going to be a bigger problem than the actual bear."

Hollis Tuttle, a fitness instructor, can relate. Her mother's best friend gave her Ogen, a light brown stuffed bear puppet, as a gift for her 7th birthday.

"It was love at first sight," Tuttle, 47, said. "He was my best bud growing up. I couldn't sleep without him, so he ended up going to college with me."

When Tuttle was about to marry at age 33, she said, her fiance had no interest in sharing the bed with the puppet. So one week before the wedding, she brought Ogen to her parents' house in Sonoma, California, where he still resides today, on a rocking chair in her childhood bedroom.

"To be honest, I wish that I kept him with me," said Tuttle, who divorced in 2017.

Since then, she has found other stuffed animals to fall asleep with. She recently retired Binkie, a stuffed unicorn given to her by a now ex-boyfriend. "There are too many emotions connected to him," she said.

Tuttle now finds comfort with Donk, a stuffed donkey that she bought for herself.

Ultrawealthy customers seek out undergarments by Cadolle

By Christina Cacouris
The New York Times


A floral bustier is displayed at the showroom of Cadolle on April 6 in Paris. **LUCIE CIPOLLA/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

In a subterranean workroom of a building on Rue Saint-Honoré in Paris, there are cabinets filled with bags of Chantilly lace in myriad shades: Yves Klein blue, sherbet orange, a silvery periwinkle. Nestled between the furniture are some half-dozen sewing machines, at which a small staff of seamstresses works while constructing corsets for Cadolle, a company that has been making custom lingerie for almost 140 years.

Cadolle's reputation has made it a sought-after resource for labels like Dior and designers like John Galliano, who had the company make corsets for his Maison Margiela Artisanal couture show in January. Celebrities like Rihanna and Beyoncé have worn its pieces in music videos, and Cadolle had a hand in several ensembles for this year's Met Gala.

These days, corsets come in many forms. Some, like athleisure-inspired versions or corset hoodies, have evolved what has traditionally been an undergarment in both form and function. But at Cadolle, the approach to corsetry hasn't changed much since Herminie Cadolle founded the company in the late 1880s.

That approach involves crafting pieces that lift up women — in spirit and anatomically — and accompany them "throughout their lives," said Patricia Cadolle, 45, Herminie's great-great-great-granddaughter. She runs Cadolle with her mother, Poupie Cadolle, Herminie's great-great-granddaughter, who is in her 70s.

The Cadolles consider the company's custom corsets a form of couture. Having one made can cost thousands of dollars and can take months: The process requires multiple fittings and often involves applying embellishments like sequins and crystals by hand.

Instead of whalebone, which has customarily been used to give corsets their shape, Cadolle uses a proprietary material with a plastic coating and a steel interior that was developed to have a similar rigidity to whalebone but more flexibility.

Poupie Cadolle said that some people see being a corsetiere, or a person who makes corsets, as antiquated or even sexist. (The term "corsetiere" is sometimes used as a "pejorative," she said.) But such notions have not stopped fashion design students from seeking apprenticeships at Cadolle as part of their studies. Apprentices the company takes on are exposed to techniques honed by six generations of Cadolle family members involved in the business of crafting custom corsets as well as bustiers, bras and full-length bodysuits.

Customers seeking custom pieces are typically older, Patricia Cadolle said. But the company's store offers a less expensive ready-to-wear line of undergarments and has drawn shoppers in their teens. Some younger customers have been introduced to Cadolle by accompanying their mothers on trips to the atelier, she added.

"We have noticed an incredible curiosity for corsets from the younger generation," Patricia Cadolle said, adding that the company's younger fans "tend to opt for a corset to wear for evening occasions."

Kim Manocherian, 64, the former CEO of a chain of gyms in New York, has several custom corsets from Cadolle. All are black. Americans, Poupie Cadolle said, favor shades of nude or black; French customers prefer color. Manocherian likes to style her corsets beneath jackets, which she will sometimes take off so the corsets function more like tops. She said wearing her corsets makes her feel protected; she compared them to "armor." Other customers said they've considered wearing their custom Cadolle pieces to go dancing or to the opera.

"People have different feelings about clothing as an investment," Manocherian said. "But for me, if these are the clothes that are going to make everything else look good, this is a better place to put your money."

Sun hats fit for smaller heads



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel


Some online stores specialize in carrying sun hats with UPF50+ protection in a wide range of sizes. **DREAMSTIME**

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I live where a sun hat is a requisite when you are out and about. The issue is that the hats that I try on in stores are way too big for my head ... and if I purchase them online and they don't look good, there is the hassle of returning them. Are there any known manufacturers of sun hats that make hats for petite heads?

— *Saretta J.*

Dear Saretta: There are online stores that specialize in sun hats with UPF50+ protection in a wide range of sizes, including women's small. Some styles (but not all) have internal adjustable elastic for a custom fit.

Take a look and see if these sites have what you need: Sungrubbies.com, wallaroohats.com, setartrading.com and solbari.com.

Another idea: If your head is really small, check the teens' or girls' sections in local stores for in-person try-ons.

My petite friend B.B. tells me: "I have the answer for my fellow pinhead! A Tilley hat! Specifically their LTM6 Airflo, on sale at Tilley.com for $79.20 and worth every penny. They come in sizes, so order the smallest, 6 ⅞. They have a mesh insert that lets air circulate and also enables you to pack it flat. They have a stiff brim — essential sun protection. They are machine washable. Rain repellent. Guaranteed for life!"

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Do you or your readers have suggestions for hiding spider veins on ankles and feet? My ankles and feet look bad, and I never want to wear dresses or anything except long pants.

— *Mary S.*

Dear Mary: I too have prominent veins — mostly on my arms, face and hands. A long time ago, I decided that covering up all those body parts would be impossible, so I just told myself to forget about it and moved on. Are you willing to give that a try? Do I hear a hard "no"?

In researching your question, I tested a lot of cover-up creams and lotions and did not find any that won't rub off on clothes.

Consider self-tanning lotions or more expensive professional spray-on tanning by a trained tech at a salon. Lotions and tanning sprays seem like more trouble than they're worth since they fade after five to 10 days. But, for a special occasion when you'd like to show your legs in a dress or skirt, they're an option.

The nonprofit Cleveland Clinic says, "When it comes to tanning, spray tans are clearly the safer way to go." The active ingredient in spray and self-tanning is DHA, a sugar compound approved by the Food and Drug Administration for external use on your skin, the Cleveland Clinic says.

Angelic readers

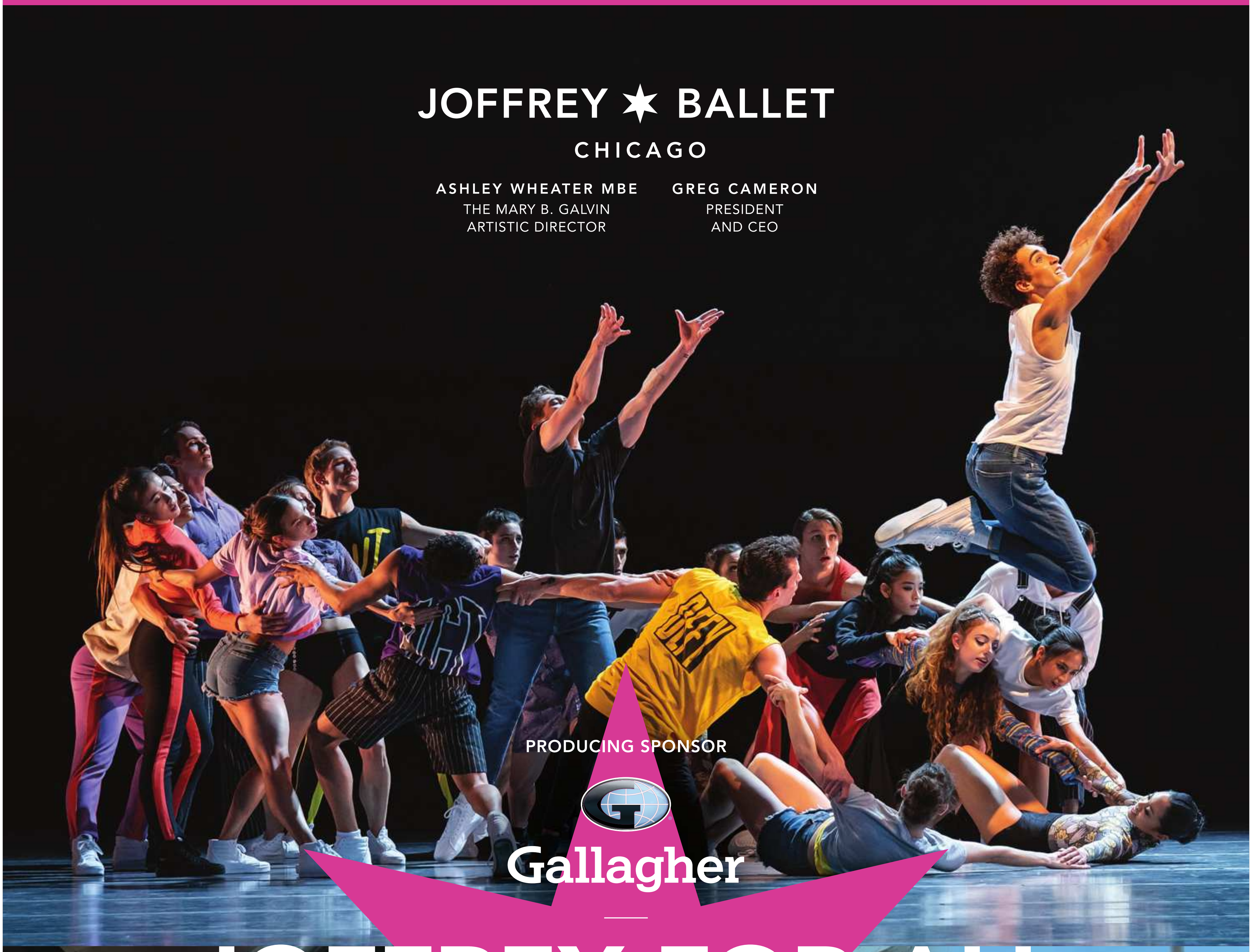
Donna B.'s advice to Cindy G. regarding concealing grays in her brown hair by getting highlights: "Accept your gray as natural highlights. A gray head is a crown of glory!"

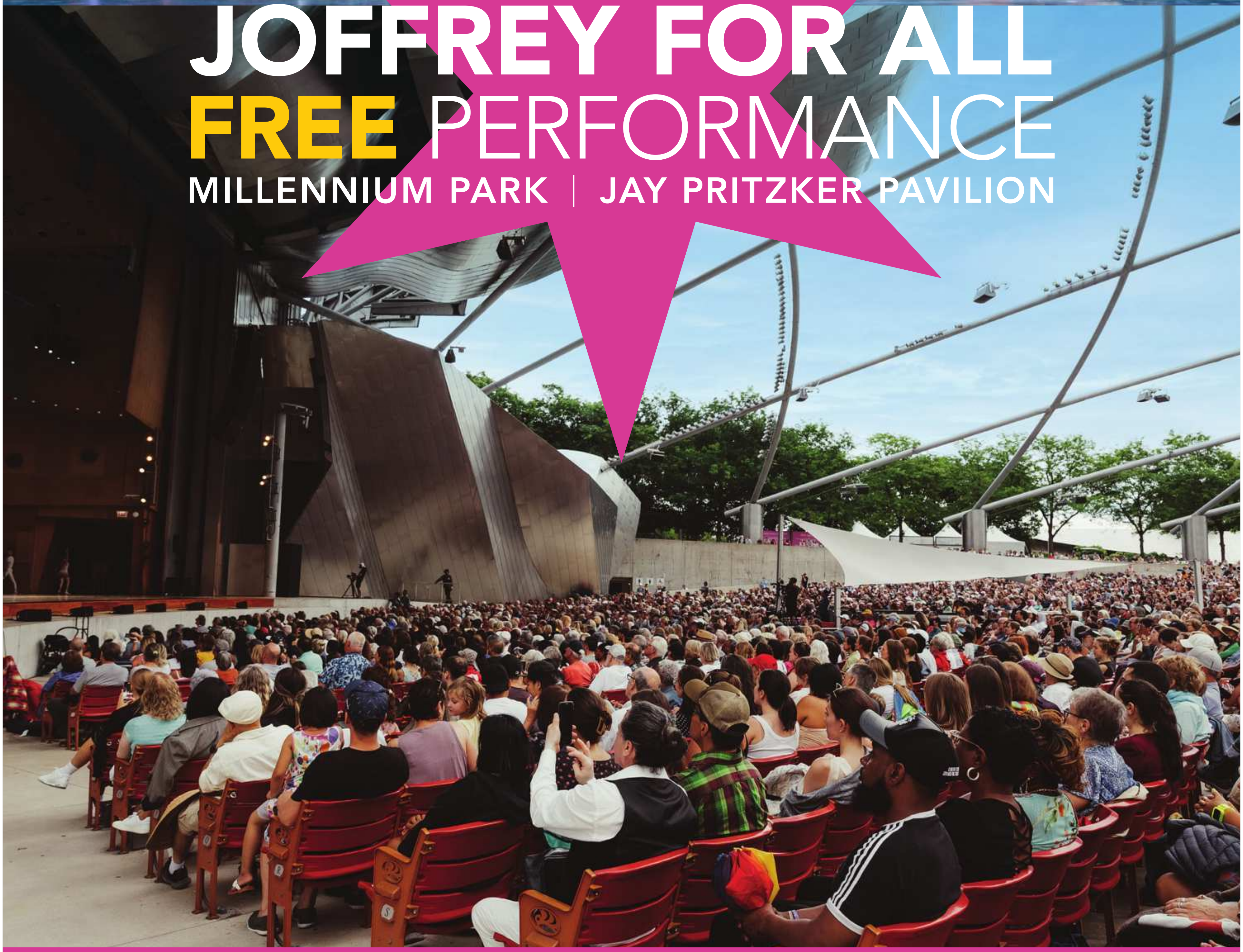
Maria M. took a different approach: "Two of my new (work) teammates had an intervention with me. They said my hair was a mess and that I had to go to their colorist. Over a period of several months, my new stylist lightened my base color from dark brown to a honey dark blonde. My highlights were changed to a warm light blonde and no toner was used. My grays still showed up three to four weeks later, but they weren't so obvious. If Cindy G. is open to having her base color lightened and highlights added, then she may be able to camouflage her gray for a longer period of time."

Jan R. writes: "I had trouble with the color staying on my gray also. My hairdresser found that doing the areas around the face first and then, when that is done, applying the color to the rest of my hair for 10 minutes over the recommended time helped immensely. Gray just doesn't hold the color as long."

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TRAVEL



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THE CUDDLIEST TRAVEL PARTNERS

With extensive planning and treats, 2,500 show dogs made it to New York City

By Christine Chung | The New York Times

The A-listers that recently traveled to New York, gathering for the biggest event of their careers, arrived by car and driver, or on planes surrounded by entourages. They didn't even carry their own passports, much less pack their kibble or squeaky toys.

Some 2,500 top-ranked dogs were in New York City recently for this year's Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Several hundred dogs battled it out in events testing agility, obedience and the ability to dive the farthest off a dock. Others were there for the breed judging.



Irish Wolfhounds Rowan and Brody, who weigh more than 160 pounds each, relax May 11 with Patty Berkovitz, her daughter Kayla and granddaughter Isabelle at a hotel in New York City. CLARK HODGIN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Getting into the show takes years of training and effort. Getting to the show requires extensive organizing by owners and handlers, who plan road or plane trips lasting hours or days, pack thousands of dollars worth of gear — grooming tables, industrial-strength hair dryers, leashes, collars, kibble and more — and pray that neither delays nor cancellations disrupt their itineraries. Treats are nonnegotiable.

"I try to stock up on healthy, single-ingredient treats such as freeze-dried duck or freeze-dried liver," said Shell Lewis, 71, who came to New York with a Russell terrier and a cairn terrier. On show days, however, her dogs receive "something special and high value."

"It involves a drive-thru McDonald's to pick up two sausage biscuits — I eat the biscuits, they get the sausage," she said.

Here's how a few dogs, and their entourages, traveled to Westminster.

TAKING TO THE ROAD

In the U.S., accumulating titles at local, regional and national dog competitions requires constant driving, with long journeys the norm. Most dogs, their trainers say, are used to the road.

Lewis drove 14 hours from Geneva, Illinois, for Spangle, her 2-year-old Russell terrier, to compete in the agility event. (Alas, Spangle was knocked out in the preliminaries.) Lewis also brought along Nora, her 7-year-old cairn terrier.

"They haven't learned to drive yet," Lewis said, "but they are excellent travelers."

Krysthel Moore and Quinnzel, her border collie, who with a 15-foot jump made it to the finals in dock diving, drove eight hours from their home in Quebec. Quinnzel snoozed through most of it, Moore, 40, said. "She doesn't care where we are, she just likes to be close with me," she added.

Some attendees carpooled to the show. Jenni Nieft and Kris Dunlap, who met at a dog show three years ago, drove from Wyoming for more than two days with Rowan, an 85-pound bracco Italiano, and 52-pound Keeva, a Weimaraner.

"They start young, they're crate-trained, they just get used to it," said Nieft, 53, who added that on road trips, exercise and bathroom breaks are crucial. "We gear the trip around their comfort."

Driving was the only transit option: Some dogs, like Rowan, are too big to fly, as commercial airlines have limits on weight and carrier size.

The dogs don't travel light, as Jamie Goodrich, 41, explained. Traveling from Central Square, New York, north of Syracuse, she packed her SUV with two crates, two folding chairs, 3 gallons of water, emergency kits for both dogs and humans, two suitcases of human clothes, three leashes, days of kibble, grooming equipment — various brushes, clippers, a water mister, a table, scissors — and an electric fan.

"Oh, and the dog," she said of Aero, her Akita, which competed in breed judging.

TRAVELING BY PLANE

Other dogs flew to New York, which required compiling myriad documents, getting vaccination shots in order, and fielding a minefield of varying airline policies and restrictions on breed and weight.

Janice Hayes, a 42-year-old handler from Palm Springs, California, flies regularly to show dogs. Buddy Holly, a Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen, won the top prize at last year's Westminster. ("He has more miles than all of us," Hayes said.)

Buddy Holly is now retired, but made the trip again this year to bask in his final moments as reigning champion and to accompany three other show dogs. Britney and Spotify, also Petit Basset Griffon Vendéens, were being shown, as was Hayden, a Cavalier King Charles spaniel.

Because of their sizes, the three Petit Basset Griffon Vendéens fly in crates and in the luggage hold. Hayden flew in the cabin.

Getting to the airport hours in advance is one of Hayes' strategies, as is booking a seat on the side of the plane overlooking the plane's hold — watching the dogs being loaded offers reassurance that the dogs, too, are en route.

Dozens of dogs traveled from abroad to compete in this year's show. Anel Vazquez Franchini and her dog Khaleesi, a 5-year-old bearded collie, flew from Mexico City.

"We don't have a lot of bearded collies here. It's easy to win when you don't have competition," Vasquez Franchini said of Mexico's dog shows. The Westminster show, she said, is a coveted chance for Khaleesi to prove herself.

The requirements for animals to travel internationally differ by country and can change frequently. From August, dogs entering the United States must be microchipped and be vaccinated against rabies.

Dogs living within the European Union that wish to travel internationally — or whose humans make that decision for them — must have their own pet passport. This document, issued by veterinarians, contains microchip registration, vaccine history and ownership information. It is mandatory for reentry into the EU.

Vitellozzo, a 2-year-old French bulldog living in Croatia with his handler, Valentina Zupan, has such a passport. He's a seasoned international traveler — this is his second time in the United States. While flying, Vitellozzo doesn't need tranquilizers or other medication, said Zupan, 32. His crate fits under the airplane seat and he slept for most of their journey, which included driving to Budapest, Hungary, flying to Warsaw, Poland, then to Chicago for another show, and then driving to New York.

Overnight host to the dogs and their humans were the hotels closest to the show venue, the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

"Big dogs, small dogs, fancy dogs, regular dogs, it's a lot," said Raquan Williams, a front-desk clerk at the sold-out Four Points by Sheraton in Flushing. "We love it."

GeoQuiz What's the present-day name of Saigon, South Vietnam? Find out on Page 10

Scenic wonder in Austria's Hallstatt



Rick Steves



Hallstatt, in Austria's Lake District, is ideal for wandering, boating and relaxing. **CAMERON HEWITT**

It's rare that a town's charm will get me out of bed early. The post-card-pretty, lake-cuddling town of Hallstatt, two hours south of Salzburg, is one of those places. First thing in the morning, I head to the high end of town to look at the glassy waters of Lake Hallstatt. With the town's church spire mirrored in the tranquil water, a shuttle boat cuts through its reflection, like a knife putting a swirl in the icing on a big cake. For just a moment, it disturbs this oasis of peace.

Hallstatt is located in Austria's Salzkammergut lake district, a scenic wonder that has enthralled nature lovers for centuries. This is Sound of Music country — idyllic and majestic, but not rugged, a gentle land where lakes and mountains are shuffled together like a game of 52-card pickup.

Before there was Rome, there was Hallstatt. One of Europe's oldest settlements, Hallstatt originated as a salt mining center (its name means "place of salt").

If you were to dig under some of its buildings, you'd find Roman and pre-Roman Celtic pavement stones from the ancient and prehistoric salt depot. Archaeologists claim that people have been coming here for salt since 7,000 BC (over the millennia, salt has been precious because it preserved meat).

A funicular runs up the mountain to the town's salt mine, one of many throughout the region that offers tours. At the mine, visitors slip into overalls, meet their guide, and hike deep into the mountain to learn about the history of salt. A highlight of the visit is riding down long banisters, miner-style, from one floor to the next ... praying for no splinters.

When I first discovered Hallstatt, this was a remote community at the far end of a long, dead-end lake. Though tourism has trampled some of its charm, vivid cultural traditions still survive. Traditional green felt hats distinguished by jaunty decorative feathers are big in Austria.

On my first trip here, when I was just a teenybopper, my dad and I each bought a hat and had a friendly competition filling it with souvenir pins and fancy feathers. Forty years later, I happened to be in town during the annual feather-in-the-hat party. Local men — many with finely carved pipes and handlebar mustaches — strutted around in lederhosen and their finest Tyrolean-type hats, each with a proud feather sprouting from the rim.

For centuries, the town had no road access, so people came and went by boat. You'll still see the traditional wide, flat Fuhr boats, designed to carry heavy loads of salt in shallow water. On a recent visit, a local friend took me for a spin in his Fuhr. As he lunged rhythmically on the single oar, he said, "An hour on the lake is like a day of vacation." When I asked about the oar lock, which looked like a skinny dog-chew doughnut, he told me it was "made from the gut of a bull. Not of cow, but a bull."

Facing the lake is Pension Hallberg, with a display of debris from the bottom of Lake Hallstatt. The most fascinating treasure is a trove of Nazi paraphernalia, including piles of war medallions. As I tried to sort this out, their explanation made perfect sense: When it became clear that Germany would lose World War II, those who served the Third Reich wanted to chuck any medals they had won. Lakes were the perfect trash bin.

In this town, when someone is happy to see you, they'll often say, "Can I cook you a fish?" I still remember the morning fish-selling ritual: A teenage boy rhythmically grabbed trout from the fishermen's pen and killed them one by one with a stern whack to the noggin. Another guy carried them to the tiny fishery, where they were gutted by a guy who used to do the stern whacking. A cat waited outside the door, confident his breakfast would be a good one. Restaurateurs and homemakers alike lined up, waiting to buy fresh trout to feed hungry tourists or special friends.

Restaurant Bräugasthof, lakeside and under a grand chestnut tree, is just the place to try some of Lake Hallstatt's prized fish. Reinanke (whitefish) is caught wild out of Lake Hallstatt and served the same day. Saibling (lake trout) is cheaper and also tasty. While you dine, you can feed the swans, who patrol the lake like it's theirs, and stretch greedily for every bit of bread you toss.

When I think of my favorite small-town places in Europe, they are where nature and culture mix, where each balcony has a lovingly watered, one-of-a-kind flowerbox, and where swans know just the right time to paddle by for scraps from diners at lakeside tables. Places like Hallstatt.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Answer: Ho Chi Minh City. The country's most populous city was the capital of South Vietnam until April 30, 1975, when North Vietnamese troops captured it. It was subsequently renamed for the North Vietnamese leader.

CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Balance is best when touring for musicians

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency



Jessie Baylin and Nathan Followill said they enjoyed visiting the Napa Valley for her birthday. **ANDREA BEHRENDS**

For solo artist Jessie Baylin and Kings of Leon drummer Nathan Followill, it is a busy period for the married couple.

In May, the Grammy-winning Kings of Leon released their latest album "Can We Please Have Fun." And Baylin's May 31 rerelease of her critically acclaimed 2018 album "Strawberry Wind" — "Strawberry Wind (Deluxe Edition)" — also includes new tracks.

But with two young children, the musicians are mindful of making sure that one of them is at home with the kids. "As of right now, I am not going to tour while the Kings are out," Baylin said. "That could change, but I think right now the balance of having one of us home doing the routine with the kids is best."

This interview with Baylin and Followill has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Do you work on your material at home or on the road or both?
Baylin: All the original material on "Strawberry Wind" was written in Nashville over the course of a month — during the strawberry season. The new songs on the deluxe edition were also written while in town this past fall. I think I work best when I'm in the stillness of our home, though.

Q: Jessie, can you share some of your memories of touring with Stevie Nicks?
B: Opening for Stevie has been at the top of my mountain of dreams. It has been surreal. The crowds have been kind to me and have really taken in the music, and I just love being in her vortex.

Q: When you're not touring, do you prefer to stay home or to take a trip?
Followill: I'm a bit of a homebody. But I also live on a golf course, so I'm happy anywhere that I can get out and chase the little white ball around.

Q: What are some of your travel memories?
B: My parents are wanderlust people, so traveling was a part of my childhood. It wasn't often fancy, but we explored whenever we could. Growing up in New Jersey, the whole eastern coastline was our playground. We would spend time down at the Jersey Shore. Our favorite spot to spend a week every summer was Block Island, Rhode Island. My mom loves the Southwest and her life goal has always been to visit every national park. Right after Nathan and I met, I told him that I was leaving on a three-week family hiking trip through southern Utah. I was very difficult to get in touch with during that time. I think that is when he really fell for me! Nathan and I love exploring the Caribbean together. Our power move is tagging on a bonus holiday at the tail end of a big European tour before heading home.

Q: Where have you traveled to for work that you went back to?
F: We played the BottleRock Napa Valley (festival) and unfortunately had to fly in and out, but I always knew that I would go back and explore at some point. My wife and I were fortunate enough to make that happen with an amazing adults-only trip for her birthday.

Q: Are your children good travelers?
B: Violet is a pro, Oliver is less so. (Laughs) He is a pandemic baby, so still a bit feral. But this past year, he's gotten the hang of it.
F: As long as there is Wi-Fi, but, yes, they do enjoy it. We are blessed with very curious kids who are adaptive to Mommy and Daddy's lifestyle.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?
B: I'm very hesitant to share it because it is our paradise, but we love the Dominican Republic. It has some of the most beautiful beaches in the world and is rich with everything. I love everything about it.
F: Mine would be Copenhagen and Denmark, because every time you visit, you can have a totally different experience based on how basic or adventurous you want to be, especially with food.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Round-trip flight canceled last year, but no refund yet

By Christopher Elliott | King Features Syndicate

Last year, I bought two round-trip flights from Amman to Tel Aviv through Booking.com. The tickets on Royal Jordanian Airlines were refundable. In November, I called to cancel my tickets and spoke with a Booking.com representative, who said I would get my money back — minus a cancellation fee of about $16 — in about two weeks.

Two weeks later, there was no sign of the money. I called Royal Jordanian Airlines, and they referred me back to Booking.com. I called back and reached out to someone on the "advanced" support team. A representative promised to call me back within 72 hours, but I never heard from anyone.

I called a month later and spoke with another representative who gave me a different reference number to contact their customer service by phone. But it failed to get me access to Booking.com. Without the correct number, you can't even gain access to an agent or an operator.

The Booking.com website showed my tickets as "canceled" with a refund due of $16. But I paid $589 for them. After 11 weeks of contacting both Royal Jordanian Airlines and Booking.com, I'm still no closer to receiving a refund. Can you help me get my money back?

— John Bernath, Lake Worth, Florida

A: You should have had your refund months ago. So, what's going on?

My first clue was the refund status from Booking.com. It suggested that you were only due a $16 refund — what appears to be a cancellation fee — on your ticket. I thought you had misread the terms of your ticket and that it was nonrefundable.

But then you showed me the ticket, and indeed, it was refundable.

I've seen this before. I call it "the crisis refund problem." When there's a big incident that triggers a wave of cancellations — 9/11, a pandemic or an armed conflict — an airline will get overwhelmed with cancellation and refund requests. These delays can be extended for months or even years. Your delays appear to have been caused by the conflict in the Middle East.

Is there a way to expedite a refund? Yes. You can reach out to the executive contacts at Royal Jordanian Airlines or Booking.com. (I publish both on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.) The Jordanian Civil Aviation Authority has consumer protection provisions that are similar to Europe's, but I could find no requirement stating that the airline needs to issue a refund within a certain amount of time. In other words, it's up to you to keep the pressure on the airline and its travel agent, Booking.com.

Even with a deluge of cancellations, Royal Jordanian should have been able to process your refund within 11 weeks. And even if it didn't, you were doing business with Booking.com, so it should have stepped up and returned your money.

My advocacy team contacted Booking.com on your behalf. A representative got back to me and said that it had processed a refund. "The funds should appear in the customer's account within three to five business days," she added. And sure enough, they did.

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'HUSH TRIP' HIDEOUTS

Your boss will have no idea you are logging in from a swanky hotel or city

By Terika L. Haynes
TravelPulse



DREAMSTIME

The pandemic changed our lives in many ways, including how we work and where we work from. An increasing number of employees are embracing the "hush trip" — a secret vacation away from the office that combines remote work with an enjoyable getaway.

A hush trip, also known as a workcation, gives employees a change of scenery away from their regular office environment to achieve their work responsibilities while also balancing vacation activities including dining, wellness and outdoor adventures. The name "hush" reflects the fact that typically the employer does not know that their employee is out of town and on vacation.

There are some benefits to working this way.

Work-life balance: Traveling to a new destination can provide better work-life balance. Employees can leave workplace stress behind while still tending to professional duties from a relaxing environment better suited for work-life integration.

Renewed focus: A change of scenery and routine can reinvigorate employees' motivation, mental sharpness and creativity. New sights and experiences also recharge focus.

Wellness boost: With more time for fitness, mindfulness, sleep and nutrition, hush trips are a prime opportunity to reboot mental and physical health.

Strengthen relationships: Bringing a partner or the family along can maximize quality time together in a new, exciting setting.

Cultural experiences: Immersion in a different locale allows for experiencing new cultures, cuisines and customs that can broaden horizons.

The rise of remote work has made hush trips a viable option for many professionals looking to mix business with leisure while traveling.

With just a laptop and Wi-Fi, employees can embrace the digital nomad lifestyle for days or weeks at a time at accommodations and destinations that are responding to the increasing demand of traveling remote workers. More hotels are rolling out packages catering to those seeking a workcation experience. Some destinations welcome travelers for hush trips, too.

ACCOMMODATIONS

AC Clearwater Beach (Clearwater Beach, Florida): The AC Clearwater Beach Hotel has created a fabulous offer for hush trip travelers. Their Hush Trip Haven package includes a Worker's Welcome Packet that has a portable charging dock, printing credits, a branded notepad, an eye mask, lavender sachets for relaxation, a complimentary drink and a door hanger with messaging for the room service team. Guests will also have access to a personal-refreshment concierge to make sure that they stay energized and hydrated without distraction.

For guests who do not want to work in their rooms, they will have access to a dedicated co-working space in the AC Business Center. If guests need a space for virtual meetings, they will receive priority access to the AC Media Salon.

Bayfront Marin House (St. Augustine, Florida): The Bayfront Marin House is a great option for guests who want an intimate experience during their hush trip. The historic inn offers the Working Hard Hush Trip package that includes daily breakfast, a portable desk, printer access and happy hour. Bayfront Marin House is also perfect for couples who wish to travel together as the inn offers a complimentary trolley ticket for the nonworking guest to keep busy and in-room couples massage treatments. The Working Hard Hush Trip Package is currently available as an add-on to any reservation.

Grey Havens Inn (Georgetown, Maine): At Grey Havens Inn, they promise not to tell your boss if you indulge in their Hush Trip Extended Stay Package. This package includes daily breakfast, free internet, a complimentary upgrade, a welcome pack of snacks and libations, and personalized afternoon itineraries for guests to enjoy once all of their work is completed.

The William Vale (Brooklyn, New York): The William Vale hotel is an excellent option for luxury travelers who are looking to take a hush trip while simultaneously seeking leisure in the city. The hotel offers their Workin Williamsburg package to employees who wish to work under the radar. The package includes a discount of up to 20% off guest rooms and suites, daily breakfast and a complimentary day pass to The Malin Williamsburg, a design-forward communal workspace located inside of the hotel's building.

DESTINATIONS

While hotels are rolling out enticing hush trip packages, some cities are also getting in on the action. Recognizing the appeal of destinations that combine remote work opportunities with urban amenities and outdoor adventures, these destinations are actively courting digital nomads and traveling professionals.

Pittsburgh: Known for its picturesque landscapes and cultural attractions, Pittsburgh welcomes employees to experience hush trips amid all the city has to offer. Travelers can explore parks, state-of-the-art museums and serene neighborhoods.

Dallas: With plentiful hotel options, free public Wi-Fi, and a lively mix of urban and outdoor pursuits, Dallas is a perfect setting for hush trips. The city offers a range of experiences for travelers to enjoy during their hush trip. It offers co-working spaces and nontraditional spaces with free Wi-Fi for travelers to get to work.

Hush trips offer a valuable opportunity for employees to recharge productivity while exploring a new area.

Embrace the vacation vibes, and then return to the office ready to tackle challenges with renewed energy and clarity.

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REAL ESTATE



Michael Fulfree, center, one of the stars of "Selling the Hamptons," visits a home he hopes to sell with Albert Bongiorno, left, and Edmond Zenuni on May 13 in Bridgehampton, New York.
ERIC STRIFFLER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

HIGH PRICES, HIGH DRAMA

On 'Selling the Hamptons,' camera-ready agents navigate cutthroat NY housing market

By Debra Kamin | The New York Times

Like the Hamptons itself, where white-sand beaches and white-glove service await those with enough equity each summer on the east end of New York's Long Island, the reality TV show "Selling the Hamptons" is an escape and an indulgence.

Now in its second season on Max, the show follows the cast in the storied vacationland of moneyed New Yorkers. The show's stars are a motley crew of ambitious, good-looking real estate agents who all work for the luxury brokerage Nest Seekers International: the bad-boy pro surfer who has anointed himself the "Prince of Montauk," an aspiring pop princess whose favorite topic of conversation is her wealthy developer father, an agent known as "Deals in Heels," an entrepreneur with $10 billion in her portfolio and, of course, two former models.

They are all in a cutthroat competition for a razor-thin inventory of houses for sale in the resort towns of Long Island, New York, and they always seem to be popping up, in stilettos or suit jackets, at each other's listings.

It's not only about the drama; it's their livelihood, some members of the cast said.

"My goal is to make as much money as I can," said Mia Calabrese, 32, a model turned luxury agent who grew up on the South Side of Chicago. She got her real estate license in 2019 and joined the show for its first season just two years later.

"I'm not just doing this to be on television. I'm doing it to grow my business," Calabrese said.

HOW IT STARTED

Three members of the show got their start on Netflix's "Million Dollar Beach House": Peggy Zabakolas, owner of both a broker's license and a law degree; Michael Fulfree, a former Milan runway model turned doting dad; and J.B. Andreassi, who declined to be interviewed for this story. Zabakolas, 37, said she understands the risk and reward of being on reality TV.

"People are going to love you and people are going to hate you," she said. "Being in sales, you spin it to your advantage."

Zabakolas, the self-anointed "Dealsinheels" who is so enamored of her title that she bought the trademark, doesn't shy away from drama. She sparred with Andreassi over a $20 million listing. She accused new agent Ashley Allen of trash-talking her behind her back. These sparks, Zabakolas said, are reality TV's raison d'être.

"People tune in to watch drama," she said, adding that off camera, she rarely gets into conflicts with people. "If people tuned in to my real life, they would have a snooze fest."

Being on the show, Zabakolas said, has given her a well-shod leg up in a market where the average sale price of a home is more than $3 million and inventory all but disappears after the close of summer.

"Some people invest in billboards or postcards. But I have a TV show," she said. "It's another marketing tool in my portfolio."

On the Monday afternoon when The New York Times interviewed some of the cast members, Fulfree, the show's resident nice guy who nevertheless has an affinity for profanity, was rushing to visit a new, all-glass eight-bedroom oceanfront home in Bridgehampton. He had to coach his son Luca's T-ball game at 5 p.m. and was anxiously checking the time.

The home has a floating staircase, 8,600 square feet of living space and a putting green on the rooftop. It's an open listing — any agent who wants to can try to bring in a buyer — and the builder, Joe Farrell, is hoping it goes for $80 million. Fulfree, 35, believes he can be the one to close the deal.

"You can like me or not," Fulfree said, but he makes the people who work with him a great deal of money, he said, using a more colorful term that rhymes with

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WLS-Channel 7 chief investigative reporter Chuck Goudie sold his six-bedroom French chateau-style mansion in Hinsdale for $4.05 million, slightly above his $3.995 million asking price. BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

ELITE STREET

WLS-Channel 7's Goudie sells Hinsdale home for $4.05 million

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune

WLS-Channel 7 chief investigative reporter Chuck Goudie on May 24 sold his six-bedroom, 6,204-square-foot French chateau-style mansion in Hinsdale for $4.05 million — slightly above his $3.995 million asking price.

A Michigan native, Goudie, 68, joined ABC 7 in 1980 and has been ABC 7's lead investigative reporter since 1990.

Goudie first moved to Hinsdale in 1987 and with his late wife Teri, who died in 2022, owned three other houses in the DuPage County suburb before building the French chateau-style mansion.

"As our family grew, so did our housing," Goudie told Elite Street.

Through a land trust, the couple purchased their current homesite in 2005 for $1.5 million and hired the homebuilding firm Patrick J. Murphy Builders to construct their 16-room home.

The house has 7½ bathrooms, four fireplaces, a family room with a wet bar and a double-sided fireplace, a screened porch and a basement with 11-foot ceilings, a recreation room, a wet bar and a billiards area. The primary bedroom suite has a private balcony and two bathrooms and closets, and the third floor has a bonus room.

Outside on the 0.46-acre property is a swimming pool.

Goudie previously told Elite Street that with his children grown and him as the only

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Stepchild navigates title issues with lender

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency



The title may be key in finding out who is the proper owner of a property. DREAMSTIME

Q: Early last year, my stepmom and I had a meeting with her loan company to figure out what the easiest way to pass her home to me when she died. I know nothing about this stuff, so I put my trust in the loan servicer.

The lender suggested that I assume the loan and added me as a co-borrower. She said that once my stepmom died, all I'd have to do is send in an affidavit of her death and I'd become the owner of the home.

My stepmom suddenly died last summer and I called the lender. They told me there was no need for probate as long as I did this assumption of the loan. They said they would take care of this for me. They told me that all I needed to do was to pay the back taxes owed and the homeowner's insurance, and they would add me to the title.

In the meantime, my stepsister got involved and contacted the lender and told them she was in charge. She's been trying to kick me out of the house for some time. So, the servicer sent me a letter requesting that I prove to them that I had the authority to administer my stepmom's estate, and my stepsister posted a 60-day notice to evict me from the home.

Why didn't the servicer put me on title when she said she would? What should I do now?

A: Let's take a step back. Do you know the actual status of the title? Did you get anything from the lender after the change was made to the title? Typically, your stepmother would have had to sign something, unless you received a share in the property after your father died.

Have you looked at the title to see how it is being held? Pay a visit to your local recorder of deeds to check out the history of the property. You may also be able to see this information online in some jurisdictions, as it is public information. In other places, the only way to see this information is in person.

If the lender had a document drafted to put you on the title to the home in accordance with your stepmother's wishes, it should be reflected in the property's title. If it isn't listed there, then the lender never followed through with the plan, or sent some documents to your stepmother to sign and she never signed or returned them to the lender.

If the lender actually added you to the title of the home, you would then be able to see your name on a document showing that your stepmom transferred some of the interest she owned in the home to you. If that's the case, your stepsister shouldn't be able to evict you from the property.

If you have been living in the home and paying expenses to own and maintain the property, gather up your records. If your stepsister evicts you from the property, you may be able to file a claim against your stepmom's estate for all or a portion of the payments you have made for the upkeep of the home. After the home sells, you'd at least get back the cash you've spent for this property.

The most important thing you can do now is find out whether you were actually added as a co-owner of the property. If you were, and you were added as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, then you would own the property once the estate is settled. If you were added as a tenant in common, then you and your late stepmother owned your respective shares of the property, and her estate would be able to sell her share of the property (but not yours). You could potentially purchase the other part of the property you don't own.

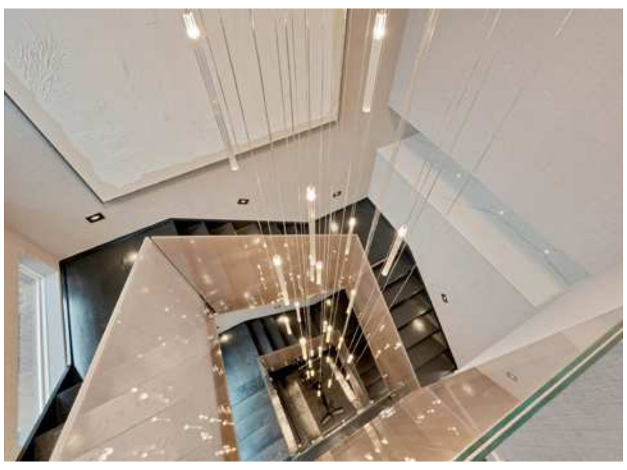
If your name was never added, and you aren't living in the house, you are likely out of luck. Keep in mind that your question deals with two different issues: one is becoming part-owner of the home with your stepmom and the second is assuming the debt — the mortgage on the home. The lender might have been talking to you only about the debt and not about the ownership of the home as the lender only cares about the repayment of the loan.

Sometimes, people confuse the ownership of the home with the lender's lien on the home for the amount the lender is owed. It's unfortunate that you didn't consult with an attorney before your stepmom died.

Don't make the same mistake twice. You should consult with a local real estate attorney who might be able to provide you with other options or more clarity about your situation.

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CHICAGO HOME PHOTOS

HOME OF THE WEEK

Bucktown house with glass and gold staircase: $3.8M

Address: 2015 W. Shakespeare Ave., Chicago
Price: $3,845,000
Listed: April 15, 2024

This five-bedroom, 4½-bathroom home was renovated by Italian designer Pininfarina and features espresso hardwood floors, a color-changing Aquafire built-in marble fireplace, backlighting and a sound system integrated throughout the home. The kitchen has The Cut brand ceramic kitchen cabinets and waterfall countertops from the Nativia color collection that blend into the cabinetry. Access to the top floor is through an outdoor tree atrium and a glass and gold staircase. The primary suite has two walk-in closets, a glass shoe cabinet and designer wall coverings. Outdoor spaces include custom heaters, a fire pit, a built-in grill and pizza oven. The house also has a three-car heated garage with an electric charger.

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Advance notice of increased assessments must be given



Howard Dakoff
Condo Adviser

Q: I am an investor owner of a condominium unit. Long story short, our association property manager sent the unit owners a notification at the end of December of a 5% assessment increase commencing on Jan. 1. Because of the late notice, my January assessment payment was slightly short, and I was assessed a $50 late fee for not paying the January assessment in full. I appealed to the board for reconsideration and was rejected. Do I have any remedies to force the Board to reimburse me for the late fee assessed?

A: As long as the revised budget was approved by the Board and notification was provided to unit owners before the month when the increase commenced, unit owners are required to pay the increased assessment in full. Assuming the Association rules and regulations call for a late fee for assessments not paid in full when due, unit owners would be liable for the late fee and there is no remedy to successfully seek reimbursement.

Q: I am a unit owner in a condominium association and our governing documents contain a weight limit for dogs. I understand that the doctrine of reasonable accommodation per the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act would invalidate a dog weight for a unit owner granted a reasonable accommodation due to a disability; however, the president of our board trains therapy dogs and is currently training a golden retriever over the weight limit. The president claims the doctrine of reasonable accommodation applies because the dog is being trained as a therapy dog. Is this true?

A: The doctrine of reasonable accommodation pursuant to the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act allows a resident living in a condominium an exception to animal restrictions in the Association's governing documents such as no pet restrictions or weight limits. The law guarantees persons in housing equal opportunity to housing. However, to be entitled to a reasonable accommodation, and thus an exception from the weight limit, the person (president of the board in this case) must have a qualified disability under applicable federal law and be prescribed the assistance animal to ameliorate the effects of their disability. The doctrine of reasonable accommodation does not apply to animals alone because they may be used as a therapy animal.

Q: I am a disabled unit owner in a condominium association who needs accessible parking and it is my understanding the Illinois legislature is considering legislation to address the issue of accessible parking spaces in condominium associations. What is the status of the legislation?

A: On May 24, 2024, the Illinois legislature approved legislation amending the Condominium Act to impose new requirements for condo associations related to accessible parking. If the approved legislation is either signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker or not vetoed by Pritzker by July 23, 2024, the new law shall become effective on Jan. 1, 2025.

In sum, the proposed amendment to the Condominium Act imposes two new requirements on condominium boards. The first requirement is to adopt a policy to reasonably accommodate a unit owner who is a person with a disability who requires accessible parking. The second requirement requires condominium boards to make reasonable efforts to facilitate a resolution between unit owners to provide accessible parking in situations where the association does not own or control parking that meets the accessible parking needs of a disabled unit owner.

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remaining resident of his French chateau-style mansion, he had felt that it was time to downsize, but that he plans to stay in the area. He added that he also intends to remain at ABC 7 for many years to come.

Goudie and his wife had listed the home for $4.2 million in 2015 and then lowered their asking price to $3.995 million in 2018 before taking it off the market in 2019. Then, on May 3, he placed the mansion back on the market for $3.995 million. He accepted a buyer's offer just five days later, which wound up being for slightly above his asking price.

Public records do not yet identify the buyers.

The mansion had a $53,184 property tax bill in the 2023 tax year.

Chicago Bears offensive coordinator Shane Waldron buys $1.85M Green Oaks home: Newly hired Chicago Bears offensive coordinator Shane Waldron and his wife, Meghan, in March paid the $1.85 million asking price for a six-bedroom, 4,393-square-foot house in Green Oaks.

The Bears hired Waldron in January to replace the recently fired Luke Getsy. Waldron previously held the same role with the Seattle Seahawks.

Built in 1994, the Green Oaks home Waldron purchased has five bedrooms, a two-story foyer, and a family room with a gas fireplace and a shiplap ceiling with barn wood beams. Other features include two staircases, a large living room, a screened porch, a primary bedroom suite with two walk-in closets and heated bathroom floors, and a kitchen that was remodeled in 2020 that has high-end appliances, custom artisan cabinets, quartzite countertops, custom barn wood shelving and a butler's pantry.

The house's lower level was finished in 2023 and has a new exercise room, a wine cellar, an entertainment area and a children's recreation area. Outside are a brick patio and a saltwater in-ground concrete pool, all on a 0.92-acre property.

The home had been listed Jan. 11, and the Waldrons went under contract to buy it a little more than two weeks later. They bought the house through an opaque land trust that shields their identities, but Elite Street confirmed that they were the buyers through other public documents.

Neither Shane Waldron nor Jeff Ohm, the agent who represented the couple in their purchase, responded to a request for comment.

The house had a $21,822 property tax bill in the 2022 tax year.

The Waldrons in March sold their previous five-bedroom, 3,160-square-foot house in Issaquah, Washington, for $2.025 million. Meanwhile, Getsy, Waldron's predecessor, and his wife in April sold their six-bedroom, 5,610-square-foot house in Waukegan for $1.6 million.

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'Hamptons'

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truckload.

BROKERAGE OR TALENT AGENCY

The drama may be turned up, but the show isn't scripted, said Bianca D'Alessio, 31, who runs her own team of agents and is a managing director at Nest Seekers.

"Everything that I put on screen is who I am as a person," she said in an interview.

The agents' lifestyles are gladiatorial, and no pair have as much conflict as Fulfree and Dylan Eckhardt, a notorious Hamptons party boy and native son who years ago made a name for himself on the professional surfing circuit. In Season 2, he appears to have been plucked from central casting because Nest Seekers was seeking a villain, and in one scene he and Fulfree nearly come to blows.

Eckhardt, who declined to be interviewed, has a personal tagline: "Whatever I touch turns to sold."

Eddie Shapiro, president of Nest Seekers, said the show's sudsy drama is all part of the plan. "We consider ourselves a talent agency and a casting agency as much as we are a brokerage," he said.

Occasionally, the company's wealthy buyers are turned off by the prospect of cameras and histrionics, he said. But not often.

"Sometimes they will say, 'My property is my most important asset, and I saw your show and the only thing I saw was a silly 10-minute back-and-forth of some people fighting on the beach,'" he said. "That can happen."

On the other hand, he said, "People don't list with us just because we're on TV. But they will certainly give us a shot over a brand that may not have any exposure at all."

Max declined to disclose ratings information for the show. After Netflix's "Million Dollar Beach House" lasted a single season, its production team moved on to "Selling the Hamptons," which earned a second season, gaining cast members in the process. Max has now invested in a similar show, "Serving the Hamptons," which follows a crew of servers and bartenders at a stylish Hamptons restaurant.

Allen, a new agent who joined the cast in Season 2 and regularly appears alongside her father, real estate developer Jeff Allen, said she is enjoying the spotlight.

Allen, 35, was a longtime music agent before crossing over into real estate; she flirted with a singing career in her 20s and now speaks excitedly of releasing a single. Real estate is just a side gig for her, she said, but the exposure of "Selling the Hamptons" is a boon.

"As my godfather, James Brown, would always say to my dad and to me, 'Any press is good press,'" she said. "So if they're talking about you, you must be doing something right."

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House inventory still pinched, prices high

The spring housing season is almost over, and the results have been mixed.

Both existing and new home sales dipped in April, though prices remain elevated. The median existing-home sales price was $407,600 in April, and $433,500 for a new house.

Those numbers have jumped due to the pandemic-era frenzy for real estate. Four years ago, the median was $304,144 and today, it is $432,903, according to Redfin. That's a 42% increase.

The main culprit for surging home prices is lack of inventory in the existing home market, which accounts for 85% to 90% of overall sales.

Through April, the inventory of unsold existing homes was 1.21 million, or the equivalent of 3.5 months' supply at the current monthly sales pace. While this is better than a year ago, the National Association of Realtors says a six-month supply is typically necessary for a balanced real estate market.

One big hurdle holding back homeowners from listing their properties is the rock-bottom mortgage rates that they have.

An astounding 58% of outstanding mortgages have rates that are under 4%. This creates a "lock-in" effect, meaning that it's hard for current owners to give up those cheap rates and buy a new home.

According to economists at the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the lock-in effect led to a 57% reduction in home sales and prevented 1.33 million sales from mid-2022 to through the end of 2023.

Before throwing in the towel on your housing search, housing experts say that inventory should improve because of the so-called 3 D's: death, divorce and disease.

There are also those who need more space to accommodate families. Others are downsizing and don't need a mortgage for the new home, or they are moving for a new job or location.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of new houses for sale at the end of April was 480,000, which represents a supply of 9.1 months at the current sales rate, a big improvement from the all-time record low of 3.3 months in August 2020.

For new homes, four to six months of supply is considered normal, and the all-time record high was 12.2 months of supply in January 2009, after the housing boom went bust.

Realtor.com reported inventory was up 30.4% from a year ago but is still down almost 36% compared to April 2017 to 2019 levels.

Until we see a combination of more inventory and lower mortgage interest rates, affordability will still be an issue.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, it takes around 40% of the median household income to cover monthly principal and interest costs of a mortgage, property taxes, insurance, and private mortgage insurance.

That's a huge jump from the average of around 25% over the past 35 years and explains why would-be buyers feel priced out of the market.

The combination of more inventory and lower mortgage rates should eventually improve affordability.

For those in the market, the numbers can work, but you may need to be creative with financing. Consider an adjustable-rate mortgage, which decreases the amount of interest for a fixed period, with an eye toward refinancing.

You can also lower monthly costs by paying more upfront to buy down a mortgage rate, either permanently or temporarily.

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GREAT QUESTION



DREAMSTIME

Asking is still the quickest way to acquire important information and tap into the ideas and insights of the people around you

By Stephanie Vozza | Fast Company

What you don't know can hinder your potential and growth. Unfortunately, it creates a paradox because you don't know what you don't know. The quickest way to learn new information is to tap into the ideas and insights of the people around you, but people often don't ask enough questions, says Jeff Wetzler, author of "Ask: Tap into the Hidden Wisdom of People Around You for Unexpected Breakthroughs in Leadership and Life."

"The biggest reason is because we don't realize the question that needs to be asked in the first place," he says. "We size up situations so quickly and jump to conclusions. We feel that those conclusions are reality, and it doesn't occur to us there is something we don't know. If you feel certain about something, it's logical that you wouldn't ask questions."

Another reason people hold back from asking a question is that they overestimate how the other person is going to feel about being asked, Wetzler says. "We think the other person is not going to want to be put on the spot, but research shows that people actually appreciate being asked questions to express who they are and what they're going through."

High-quality questions

Few people are taught how to ask good questions. As a result, we often have a relatively narrow repertoire of questions, most of which won't enable us to learn something important.

Instead, Wetzler recommends asking high-quality questions, which signal curiosity.

"It's not enough to inject new questions into your vocabulary if you're not genuinely curious," he says. "Quality questions are clear and direct. They're not trying to use a question to disguise a suggestion or a piece of advice."

A quality question also creates mutual benefit. "They're not just for the benefit of the asker but actually benefit the person being asked. It helps them to express themselves, clarify their thinking and really engage in relationships."

Question-asking strategies

One of the strategies for asking a high-quality question is what Wetzler calls "request reactions." The asker says "Here's what I would like to do" or "Here's my suggestion" and then says "What are your reactions to that?" or "How does that land with you?" or "What might I be missing?"

"You're requesting reactions from someone," Wetzler says. "The reason it's so powerful is that often when we express what we think to somebody else, we assume if they have a reaction — positive or negative — that they're going to tell us. If they don't, we assume that they must have agreed."

But that's not always true. For a variety of reasons, people often don't feel safe sharing real reactions. If you pose the question, however, it radically increases the chances that you will understand what they have to say.

Another technique is what Wetzler calls the "clear-up confusion strategy." When someone makes a statement, you may think you know what they mean. Sometimes, though, you don't. Wetzler suggests asking "When you said X, what did you mean by that?" or "How would you define X?"

"So many conversations would go so much better if we just took the time to clarify," he says.

A third strategy is what Wetzler calls "callback and test." Before you react to what someone says, paraphrase what you heard back to them. For example, "Here's what I think I heard you say. Did I get that right?"

"When I do this, at least 50% of the time the other person says 'Well, you kind of got it, but that's not exactly what I meant,'" says Wetzler."Or 'Yes, you got it. But there's another thing I forgot to say.'"

The callback and test strategy not only helps you get more information, it slows down the conversation, which can be helpful if things are getting tense. It sends a message to the other person that you care and want to understand what they have to say because you've taken the time to put it in your own words, Wetzler says.

Making it safe

It's also important to make answering truthfully safe for the person being asked. This is done by lowering the barriers so it's more comfortable and appealing for someone to tell you the truth.

For example, if you're a CEO, don't invite someone into your office, sit across your desk from them and assume that they're going to feel comfortable. "Go to where they are," Wetzler says. "Eat lunch with them. Ride in the car together. Take a walk. Go wherever they're going to feel most comfortable."

Make it clear why you're asking the question, so the other person doesn't have to guess your agenda. And radiate resilience, letting the person know that you can handle their truth. Wetzler says it's important to be clear that you won't get defensive or take it out on them. For example, create safety by saying: "Listen, if I were in your shoes, I would probably feel very frustrated right now. If that's what you're going through, I would love to hear about it."

Practice makes perfect

Question-asking is like any other skill. It takes practice, but the benefits are worth it. Start by becoming aware that you're probably not naturally doing it. Wetzler recommends recording conversations and looking at the transcripts. Compare how many questions you ask to how many statements you make.

"It's often shocking," he says. "People are often surprised that they asked no questions, or one question that was more like an attack question."

Then make a conscious effort to try high-quality question techniques. "As you practice more and more, and you see what works and what doesn't," Wetzler says. "Over time, it becomes second nature. You start to push aside thoughts like 'Do I look good at this conversation?' and center on the intention of 'What can I learn from this person?'"

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‘Backdoor Roth’ IRAs have advantages and drawbacks



Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game



One of the positive features of the SECURE Act, passed in 2019, was that it eliminated the restriction that if you had reached age 70½, you could no longer make IRA contributions.

So, if you have earned income in 2024, you can contribute to a deductible IRA, as long as your income levels are below $77,000 as an individual and $123,000 for joint filers. In 2024, if your income was less than $146,000 as an individual or $230,000 for a joint return, you are now allowed to make a Roth contribution as long as you have earned income. If you are retired and older than 70½, it makes sense to make an IRA contribution if you are in a position to save some or all of your earned income.

If your income is higher than $146,000 as a single filer, or more than $230,000 for joint filers, regardless of your age, you can use what is known as a “backdoor Roth” contribution. You are essentially making a nondeductible traditional IRA contribution and making a Roth conversion in the same year.

There is no current tax deduction associated with a nondeductible IRA contribution, and contributions are not taxable when withdrawn. There is no limit regarding the yearly contribution you can make to a nondeductible IRA.

However, there are potential pitfalls you should be aware of. The potential problems with the backdoor option are that you could be facing unexpected tax bills right away; and record-keeping problems that could last for several years, even decades.

Step one: The limit for the contribution in 2024 is $7,000, or $8,000 if you are 50 or older. You can also make a contribution for your spouse, even if she/he has no earned earnings. You must file IRS Form 8606.

Step two: You now transfer the funds in the nondeductible IRA into a new or existing Roth IRA. It is generally recommended that you wait a month before conversion.

If you hold deductible and nondeductible funds in your IRA, then withdrawals are deemed to come on a “pro-rata” basis. For example, assume that the total amount of the nondeductible contribution was 10% of the total account balance. In this situation, 10% of the conversion would be nontaxable, but 90% of the conversion would be taxable.

Future withdrawals would be on a pro-rata basis as well, whether they were for a conversion or not. According to IRA expert Ed Slott, the record-keeping is a life sentence unless you convert all your accounts to a Roth IRA. If you don’t have an IRA account with deductible contributions, using a backdoor IRA won’t create a pro-rata problem. You would have the same pro-rata problem if you had an IRA account with deductible IRA contributions with a different custodian.

If you have a small traditional IRA account and you convert all of the holdings into a Roth account, then you could utilize the backdoor option without the pro-rata record-keeping headache.

If you have an existing 401(k) account, you could roll over your traditional IRA account into your 401(k) account, if your plan allows this option. If you have an HSA account, you could use the allowable “one-time” rollover of traditional IRA accounts into your HSA account. However, there are restrictions regarding the amount allowed. The amount you convert would reduce the annual contribution you could make to your HSA account.

Bottom line: Even if you have reached 70½, you are allowed to make traditional IRA contributions and Roth contributions if you have earned income. You can make those contributions for your spouse even if she/he has no earned income.

If your income is too high to make a Roth contribution, you can use the backdoor IRA option, making a nondeductible IRA contribution and converting to Roth the same year. But if you have traditional IRA accounts outstanding with any custodian, the backdoor option can create unexpected tax consequences and paperwork nightmares. Don’t use this option if you intend to maintain traditional deductible IRA accounts.

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Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

Homeowners insurance still vital as costs rise

If you own your home, it’s no surprise that your homeowner’s insurance premium has soared. Opening that bill, you might find a 25% increase or more — even though you’ve had no claims. If your premium is included in your monthly mortgage payment, you’ll get notice of a jump in your monthly payment.

Insurance companies have indeed been hit with more catastrophic losses in recent years. Some of it is related to climate change. Even though hurricane and earthquake coverage are not part of traditional homeowner’s insurance (and must be covered by separate policies), there are rising claims from wind and wind-driven water damage, as well as from hail.

Wildfires in California and tornadoes in the nation’s midsection have caused major losses. And the amount that insurers must shell out for construction costs to replace the insured property has soared with inflation. No wonder there are staggering premium increases. And no wonder that insurers are leaving some states where the risks are highest — or where state legislatures have limited premium increases.

“The data show that homeowners insurance was unprofitable in 18 states last year, up from eight in 2013,” according to The New York Times. For example, in Illinois, the study shows that insurers have made money on homeowners coverage in three of the past seven years. The state was affected by nine separate billion-dollar disasters last year, according to NOAA data, including seven severe storms.

While there are good reasons for raising premiums, the insurance companies have been reporting rising profits as well. Stocks of insurers like Allstate and Travelers are trading near all-time highs. It makes you think you should have bought the stocks as a hedge against your insurance bill.

When you get your much-higher property insurance bill, you have limited options. These include the following.

Contact your insurer: Even if your bill is bundled with your mortgage payment, you can still ask them to verify their billing decision, based on your good payment record. Be prepared for no sympathy — but it’s worth a try.

Compare premiums with other insurers: Several websites, including TheZebra.com and HomeownersInsuranceCompare.com, allow you to search online. But be prepared for a deluge of contacts from agents. And you may find that the “best” insurers aren’t taking on new customers, making it advisable to stick with the company with which you’ve built a track record. Also, if you change, your premiums could soar even more next year at the new company.

Raise your deductible: If you’re willing to shoulder more of the risk, you can significantly lower the premium. A higher deductible will be costly for a relatively minor event — but then you probably weren’t going to report it to your insurer anyway, for fear of a premium increase!

The most startling response I’ve seen is people simply dropping their homeowner’s coverage. About 7.5% of homeowners are uninsured — with a higher proportion in minority or low-income communities.

Going without homeowner’s insurance is a bet that you simply don’t want to take with your largest and most important possession. First, if you have a mortgage, going without insurance is not an option. Your mortgage lender will demand proof or require payment for it. But even if your home is fully paid (nearly 40% of U.S. homes are mortgage-free), going without insurance can be devastating to your future. And your homeowner’s insurance is the basis for your liability insurance — which protects you if someone is hurt on your property or sues for other reasons.

Those rising premiums are evidence that the insurers’ smart-money actuaries believe the risks are rising. Betting against them by going uncovered is not a smart move. And that’s the Savage Truth.

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Save money by avoiding these travel mistakes

By Daniel Bortz
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Even the most seasoned tourists can make travel mistakes when planning a vacation.

Here are five slipups that travelers may make this year, plus tips on how to avoid them.

OVERLOOKING TRAVEL MEDICAL INSURANCE

Christopher Elliott, founder of the nonprofit Elliott Advocacy, says many people don’t consider purchasing travel medical insurance. “People often think nothing bad will happen before or on their vacation, but then they get injured overseas and need to go to the hospital, and the next thing they’re looking at is a $10,000 hospital bill.”

Unfortunately, most U.S. health care plans offer limited or no medical coverage outside the United States.

One solution is to purchase a travel medical insurance policy, a type of insurance that provides coverage for a range of medical emergencies while traveling abroad, including medical evacuation and emergency transport.

The average travel medical insurance plan costs $89, according to Squaremouth, a travel insurance comparison website.

GETTING HIT WITH UNNECESSARY BAGGAGE FEES

A number of airlines recently raised their prices for checked bags. But one thing a lot of travelers aren’t aware of, Elliott says, is that some are now charging customers more if they check a bag at the airport versus paying to check a bag in advance.



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How to avoid: Make sure to pay ahead of time for any bags that you plan to check.

INCURRING HIDDEN HOTEL FEES

Wi-Fi fees, early check-in fees, gym fees — hotels today charge guests no shortage of extra fees and surcharges.

How to avoid: Many hotels offer to reduce or, in some cases, waive certain fees to guests who join their loyalty program, which is free in most cases. Also, sometimes simply asking an employee at check-in to waive certain fees could do the trick.

NOT UTILIZING A KEY SEARCH FEATURE ON AIRBNB

Like hotels, Airbnb rental property owners often tack on extra fees, such as cleaning fees, fees for additional guests beyond a certain number, and service fees. These additional costs can add hundreds of dollars to your bill.

How to avoid: Elliott praised Airbnb for introducing a feature in December 2022 that allows guests to view a stay’s total costs, before taxes, when searching for rental properties. But he says there’s a caveat: “If you’re in the U.S., you need to change a setting in order to see the full rate when you search for rentals.”

To enable the feature, click the slider on the upper right of the search page that says “Display total before taxes.”

PAYING FULL PRICE FOR A RENTAL CAR

The rental vehicle shortage has improved. Still, renting a car is more expensive than before the pandemic, especially for those who pay full freight.

How to avoid: Big-box stores such as Costco, BJ’s and Sam’s Club provide their members discounts on certain rental cars. AARP and AAA also offer their members discounted rates. A number of credit card companies offer certain cardholders rental car discounts when they book a vehicle from specific rental car companies.

Tip: See if your credit card offers rental car insurance before you pay for insurance from a rental car company.

How can I improve my attention span?

SOURCE: Kathleen Davis, Fast Company

There’s just so much standing in our way of getting things done, and the nature of working online is a big one. If you feel your attention span has shrunk over the last few years, it probably has. Here are some go-to methods when I need to focus on a task at work.

Listen to classical music

I find music with lyrics to be distracting since I work with words. But music is a proven benefit to focus for many people not only to drown out background sounds but also to cover the silence that can make your mind more prone to wander. My choice of classical music is good for other reasons, too. A study conducted at Stanford University School of Medicine found that listening to classical music engages the areas of the brain involved with paying attention, making predictions, and making memories.

Set a timer

You may have heard of the Pomodoro Technique, essentially setting a timer for block of time (usually 25 minutes) and working without distractions (that means turning off all notifications and closing all tabs and windows you don’t need). After the timer goes off you can check in on all of those distractions again, but what you should really do is take a break. (Devotees suggest five minute breaks for each 25 minutes of focused work.) Stand up, stretch, walk, get a snack. It’s really simple, but it works and is backed up by psychology. As a parent, I use the timer on my phone constantly. I can tell my kids we have five more minutes at the playground. I can say I’m going to spend the next 20 minutes writing this article, but if I don’t set the timer, that 20 minutes will be eaten up with emails and Slack messages and 40 minutes will disappear.

Get out a notebook and pen

Some of the advice I gave for improving your memory works for improving your attention span, too. Writing by hand can be especially helpful. Researchers at Princeton and UCLA found that students who took notes by hand listened more actively and were able to better identify important concepts. They found that longhand note takers engage in more processing and select more important information to include in their notes.

SUCCESS

Can I nickel-and-dime you? Counting change has changed



Steve Rosen
Kids & Money

Five pennies equal a nickel, 10 pennies a dime, five nickels equal a quarter, and two quarters 50 cents. You know the drill.

But counting coins to teach youngsters the value of money is getting increasingly more difficult. In fact, it's so old school. I kid you not.

My proof? I recently had dinner with a friend who told me his 5-year-old grandson was showing interest in learning about money by counting coins. But my friend fumbled the opportunity because he carried so little spare change.

"I put everything on my debit or credit card," my friend said, "so I don't keep a bunch of coins."

He also uses Venmo, a mobile app that makes it easier to transfer money and make payments electronically.

While my survey sample is paper thin, I know I can find more anecdotal evidence than just my friend. And yes, I reminded him that he could go to the bank and get rolls of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to educate the grandson.

That said, his inquisitive grandson did ask some interesting dollars-and-cents questions about money, which I'll share with you, along with answers from the U.S. Mint.

What is a penny made of?

A penny has a thin coating of copper, which comprises only 2.5% of the cent. The interior is made of zinc. It used to be the other way around until the early 1980s, when the U.S. Treasury changed the composition.

Why isn't the penny made of silver, like other coins?

I couldn't come up with a good explanation, other than that the penny was never considered a major coin. The first cents were minted in 1792, and they've been made of copper ever since — except for 1943 during World War II, when pennies were made out of zinc-coated steel to help conserve copper for the war effort.

Have pennies always looked the same?

Pennies used to be bigger than today's version. The first small coin — the size of the current coin — appeared in 1856. The first Lincoln penny appeared in 1909 to commemorate the president's 100th birthday.

Why is a nickel bigger than a dime if the dime is worth more?

The first 5-cent coin in 1794 was called a half dime, and it was much smaller than today's nickel.

The 5-cent coin we call a nickel was first minted in 1866. It was larger than the original nickel probably because it was easier to handle.

Now does it all make cents?

Questions, comments, column ideas? Send an email to sbrosen1030@gmail.com.

Stretch travel budget

Here are 10 countries to visit where your dollar can go far

By Quincy Williamson
Kiplinger's Personal Finance



DREAMSTIME

You might think that foreign travel must be expensive, but this isn't the case for every destination. With inflation increasing prices around the world, there are still places where your dollar will stretch enough to make your dream vacation a reality.

Based on how much currencies are performing against the dollar in May 2024, here are 10 of the cheapest countries in the world to travel to.

Vietnam

Vietnam is one of the most culturally rich countries in the world. The average daily price to get around in Vietnam is $59 a person.

Colombia

For years Colombia was known solely for its drug cartels and armed conflicts. Now the country is starting to shine in a new light. With immaculate beaches and luscious jungles, Colombia offers a little bit of everything. The average cost of food in Colombia is just $24 a day.

Chile

Airfare, tourism and the Chilean peso's value have dropped drastically in recent years. But with this decline comes opportunity. From good food and wine to outdoor adventures and the bustling metropolis of Santiago, there is plenty to do here and, as always, great prices.

Hungary

Whether you're trying Hungarian goulash (the national dish), taking a river cruise along the Danube or listening to a traditional folk band in Budapest, the costs of dining out, transportation and entertainment in this eastern European country are all significantly lower than their counterparts in the west.

Argentina

Argentina's annual inflation rate is near an all-time high at 289.4%, as of May 2024, although monthly inflation has dropped from recent levels. While it was more affordable to travel to Argentina in 2023 than in 2024, it is still affordable compared to some other South American countries.

Japan

Traveling to Japan may seem unattainable for most Americans because of the high airfare prices. However, if you can get past this initial cost barrier, you'll find that lodging, the cost of food and the yen all highly favor anyone with the U.S. dollar.

South Korea

Between its vast and affordable transit system, wide range of dining options, and abundance of low-cost activities and attractions, South Korea can prove a relatively inexpensive travel destination.

South Africa

South Africa is the host to one of the world's most famous safari destinations — the Kruger National Park — and has a thriving safari industry. Some places even offer safari tours for as little as $152 a day.

Mexico

The Mexican peso is the strongest it's been against the U.S. dollar since 2015. However, even with this impressive growth, your dollar still has an advantage here. An inexpensive meal in Mexico could cost you just under $10. If you include a beer, you'll pay a little under $12.50. In Mexico City, the nightly rate for a hotel room is an affordable $63.

Peru

This South American country offers tons to do — there's exploring the 15th-century Inca citadel of Machu Picchu, the Maras salt flats, the Amazon River and the beach-strewn coasts.

Be a super saver: Plenty of methods to stash cash

By Sandra Block
Kiplinger's Personal Finance

While "The Secrets of Super Savers" would be a catchy name for a reality TV show, there's really no mystery to developing good savings habits.

Ideally, you need to monitor your spending, start setting aside savings early, put your savings on autopilot and take advantage of all the tax breaks and other incentives available to you. In a 2022 survey of investors' savings habits, Principal Financial Group identified super savers as those who set aside 15% or more of their salary in retirement accounts or make 90% of the maximum contribution allowed by the IRS.

A common characteristic among the super savers is consistency. Most started saving in their teens or early 20s and consider it part of their identity. They drive older vehicles and own modest homes, which they fix up and clean themselves. In addition to contributing to 401(k) plans or other employer-sponsored accounts, they take advantage of other financial vehicles, such as brokerage accounts, health savings accounts and 529 college-savings plans.

"They're continually looking for as many ways as possible that they can save," says Principal's Heather Winston.

When you're starting out, finding room in your budget to save for retirement can be a challenge. But recent research from the Investment Company Institute offers encouraging news about young adult savers. The ICI's analysis found that in 2022, members of Generation Z — typically defined as individuals born between 1997 and 2012 — had 2½ times more assets in retirement plans than Generation X households had when they were the same age (Gen Xers were born between 1965 and 1980).

Contributing to the trend is the rise in automatic enrollment, according to the ICI. More than three-fourths of large companies automatically enroll workers in their 401(k) plans. Workers who don't want to participate can opt out, but most don't. Starting in 2025, companies with new 401(k) plans will be required to automatically enroll workers at a minimum contribution rate of 3% and increase participation by 1 percentage point each year, up to 15%.

However, if you want to be a super saver, you should put aside even more than the default contribution embedded in your employer's plan. In 2024, you can stash up to $23,000 in 401(k) and other employer-sponsored plans, or $30,500 for workers 50 and older. Contributions are tax-deferred if you invest in a traditional 401(k). With a Roth 401(k), contributions are after-tax, but withdrawals are tax-free in retirement.

Your employer-provided plan isn't the only device in your retirement toolkit. More than half of Principal's super savers also contributed to a Roth IRA, which provides tax-free income in retirement.

In 2024, you can make the maximum contribution of $7,000 to a Roth — $8,000 if you're 50 or older — if your modified adjusted gross income is less than $146,000 if you're single or $230,000 if you're married and file jointly.



DREAMSTIME

Technology can help keep you in your home

By Elaine Silvestrini
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DREAMSTIME

Older adults may not have grown up with the internet or smartphones, but this generation of retirees is increasingly embracing tech solutions to help them age in place.

Spurred on by the need to connect during the pandemic, older adults are finding more uses for technology to live safely and socially, making it easier to remain in the home and for loved ones to ensure their well-being.

For family members, "technology is the one thing that has changed caregiving the most," says Amy Goyer, a caregiving expert with AARP.

Beyond Zoom and other forms of video calling, technology is providing solutions ranging from remote health monitoring to financial tracking and automatic stove switches. Smart homes incorporate the ability to remotely answer doors, turn on lights, control temperature, play music and contact loved ones.

Technology is also allowing older adults to stay employed remotely, to socialize, learn and experience travel from the comfort and safety of their homes. Robotic pets can provide companionship and a sense of purpose.

Virtual reality helps loved ones understand how older people experience life. While integrated, all-encompassing age-in-place systems have yet to be created, experts say the technology continues to evolve. The future could include robotic solutions to help with daily living tasks and potential uses for virtual reality, which has shown promise for dementia patients.

Saudia Gajadhar, a spokeswoman for Comfort Keepers (www.comfortkeepers.com), works at the home care company's headquarters in Irvine, California, but cares for her own father in Florida using remote technology. Gajadhar's father is 89, she says, and it's been a struggle helping him to learn how to use things like video-conferencing.

During the pandemic, she was able to connect with her father after talking him through how to do video conferencing each time. But he eventually gave up and wouldn't use Zoom anymore. She hired a caregiver to work with him and he's now able to Zoom again with that help. She says one way of persuading him to adapt is to tell him different technologies will help him stay independent in his home.

"Technology is absolutely going to help people stay in their homes longer for multiple reasons," says AARP's Goyer. "To stay in your home and be as active as possible, you need to have physical activity and mental stimulation, socialization. You need to take care of your health and you need to be safe in your home. Technology can address all of those things."

Senior Living Solutions

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GRASSO'S GARAGE

Mercedes CLA Coupe delivers style to drivers

By Marc D. Grasso
Boston Herald


The 2024 Mercedes Benz CLA35 offers comfort, a low profile, and precisely what coupe enthusiasts desire: luxury, design and performance. **MARC D. GRASSO/BOSTON HERALD**

Mercedes Benz returns to Grasso's Garage with its entry-level coupe, bearing the CLA nameplate. Known as a luxury brand, Mercedes Benz is recognized for delivering exquisite luxury and styling to the end user. The CLA Coupe actually has four doors but has a coupe-like curved shape.

Powered by the potent AMG enhanced 2.0-liter inline 4-turbo engine with hybrid assist, the CLA certainly has no issue getting up and going with 302 horsepower and 295 pound-feet of torque. Paired with the AMG Speedshift DCT eight-speed transmission and 4MATIC all-wheel drive, and a great sounding exhaust, the CLA35 was fun and rightly priced.

Equipped with an AMG sport suspension, a performance steering wheel, and drive unit button options, the CLA35 4MATIC offers comfort, a low profile, and precisely what coupe enthusiasts desire: luxury, design and performance.

Adorned in Mountain Grey Metallic and featuring a black leather interior, our CLA35 AMG tester stood out as an attractive and appropriately priced vehicle.

The standard features of the CLA35 AMG include a Panorama roof, a 10.25-inch digital instrument cluster, and a 10.25-inch touchscreen display, along with a center console volume scroll. Additional options such as AMG twin 5-spoke wheels, a driver assistance package, an AMG Night package, and Exclusive Trim increase the price by $5,400.

As a 2009 Mercedes Benz C350 sedan owner myself in the past, I appreciate Mercedes' history of luxury and design. While leading the way in the luxury category over fierce competitors such as BMW, Lexus and Genesis, Mercedes certainly has done a good job in keeping the CLA35 AMG in the fleet with the updates it deserved to stay in the fleet. Despite low production numbers nearing the 10,000 range in prior years, the CLA is here to stay and for good reason.

Grasso's Garage is here for you! Are you in the market for a new car? I would be happy to provide my honest input. All you have to do is email me: marc.grasso@bostonherald.com.

2024 MERCEDES BENZ CLA35 AMG 4MATIC
MSRP: $54,950/$62,875 as tested
MPG: 22 city/29 highway/25.7 as tested


A line of Tesla Model 3 and Model Y vehicles are parked. The process when buying your first used Tesla can be more involved than what is required for a typical gas-powered car. **EDMUNDS**

Right model for you?

Here are a few things you need to know before buying your first used Tesla

By Michael Cantu
Edmunds

It's a good time to be in the market for a used Tesla. Tesla's significant price cuts over the past year on its new cars have caused the prices of used Teslas to drop significantly. But buying a used Tesla isn't as straightforward as buying a used Toyota, especially if you've never owned one.

The car experts at Edmunds outline five general tips for car shoppers who are in the market for a used Tesla. Here are those tips.

Pick the right Tesla for you

Most shoppers looking for a used Tesla choose between the brand's two sedans and two SUVs. The Model 3 is Tesla's smallest and most affordable model. It's a small sedan that's about the size of a Honda Civic. The Model Y, Tesla's most popular model, is a small SUV based on the Model 3 that's comparable in size to a Toyota RAV4.

If the 3 and the Y are too small, or if you want a longer driving range and more power, consider the Model S or Model X. The Model S, which has been on sale the longest, is a sedan roughly the size of a BMW 5 Series. The final model to consider is Tesla's most expensive, the Model X. If you need an SUV with seating for more than five and like its cool falcon-wing doors, then the X is the Tesla for you.

Know the different trim levels

Tesla frequently tinkers with the trim level names, driving ranges, power and features for its vehicles. That makes used Tesla shopping a particular challenge because it can be hard to figure out exactly what you're getting.

For the Model 3 and Y, the base single-motor model is usually called Standard Range or Rear-Wheel Drive.


There's a menu drivers can bring up in a Tesla's touchscreen that will tell them what the vehicle's configuration is. **DREAMSTIME**

It offers the least range and power. In the middle is the Long Range model, which typically has dual motors for all-wheel drive, more power and the longest range. The top Performance model also has two motors and boasts the most power, but it has less range.

In the Model S' earliest years, they were single-motor models named after the battery pack size, for example, the Model S 60. Tesla later introduced dual-motor all-wheel-drive versions and identified them with a D in the name. Performance versions had a P in the name. Later models were simply called Long Range or Performance. The Plaid is the current performance model, and long-range models are now called All-Wheel Drive. The Model X follows a very similar nomenclature.

What happens when you're looking at a used Tesla and you're not sure what configuration it is? There's a menu you can bring up in the vehicle's touchscreen that will tell you. If you can't see the vehicle in person, you can input the vehicle's VIN into the government's VIN decoder to look up the vehicle's basic specs, such as its model year and whether it's a single- or dual-motor.

Check the warranty

All Teslas come with a four-year/50,000-mile factory warranty. The battery pack and drive unit warranty is the most important and what most Tesla shoppers care about because of the high cost to replace a battery pack. All models come with an eight-year warranty, but depending on the model, the mileage coverage ranges from 100,000 miles to 150,000 miles. Check out Tesla's vehicle warranty site for full details.

Consider battery health

An electric vehicle's battery capacity diminishes slightly with use. That means less driving range over time. It's not something to be overly worried about; Tesla claims its batteries degrade on average just 12% after 200,000 miles. However, if you're trying to decide between a few otherwise identical Tesla vehicles, go for the one with the least mileage.

Where to buy a used Tesla

There are three ways to buy a used Tesla: directly from Tesla, from a used car dealership, or from a private seller. Buying from Tesla is the best route because the automaker performs a 102-point vehicle inspection and adds a one-year/10,000-mile warranty to the existing factory warranty. And because it's from Tesla, the listed features are accurate. On the downside, Tesla's used models can only be purchased online and you can't test-drive the one you want before purchase.

If you go to a used car dealership, you can test-drive the vehicle, but the dealership might not be familiar with Teslas and could inaccurately list its features. Dealerships could also be unfamiliar with Tesla's electric powertrains, which might affect the accuracy of the inspection they perform. Buying from a private seller might get you a good deal as well as potential insight into how the vehicle was driven and maintained. But buying a vehicle this way can be a hassle.

Edmunds says: Navigating the used Tesla market can be tricky, but following these tips will help you land the Tesla you want.



The 2024 Hyundai Palisade has incredible amounts of space. HYUNDAI

AUTO REVIEW

2024 Hyundai Palisade offers smooth SUV ride for families

By Larry Printz
Tribune News Service

These days, what most people call an SUV is somewhere between a true SUV and a minivan. They boast the ground clearance and shape of an SUV but typically employ passenger car architecture and construction to increase ride comfort and civility.

And if you had any doubt that the 2024 Hyundai Palisade Calligraphy AWD is a family bus, it proves to be a fabulous way to safely transport your family with incredible competence.

There are certainly plenty of competitors in this space, among them, the Buick Enclave, Chevrolet Traverse, Ford Explorer, GMC Acadia, Honda Pilot, Mazda CX-90, Nissan Pathfinder, Subaru Ascent, Toyota Grand Highlander, and Volkswagen Atlas.

But if there's one that puts up a convincing fight against the Hyundai Palisade, it's the Kia Telluride, the Palisade's mechanically similar corporate cousin and current cul-de-sac darling.

They share powertrains, in this case, a naturally aspirated 3.8-liter DOHC V-6 that funnels 291 horsepower and 262 pound-feet of torque through an eight-speed automatic transmission to the front wheels or, should you choose, all four.

HYUNDAI PALISADE CALLIGRAPHY AWD

Base price: $52,350
Engine: 3.8-liter DOHC V6
Horsepower/Torque: 291/262 pound-feet
EPA rating (combined): 21 mpg
Length/Width/Height: 196.7/77.8/68.9 in.
Ground clearance: 7.9 in.
Payload: 1,356 lbs
Cargo capacity: 18-86.4 cubic feet
Towing capacity: 5,000 lbs (with trailer brakes)

It can tow 5,000 pounds, has up to 86.4 cubic feet of cargo space and can hold 220 pounds of stuff on its roof.

Payload capacity is 1,356 pounds. Our vehicle also came with Smart Park. And given its nearly 78-inch width, the ability to autonomously roll it out of tight parking spaces before climbing in it is a true luxury.

And while the Palisades starts at what passes for affordable these days — $36,650 for the base SE FWD — we opted for the other extreme — the $52,350 Palisade Calligraphy AWD.

Why? Because it does a passably good job of imitating a luxury vehicle at a mainstream price. If you didn't know any better, you might swear it's a Genesis.

Credit the Palisade's 2023 design freshening, which endows it with a more aggressive front end that renders it even more butch, while swathing the far more attractive interior in an HGTV-worthy makeover. There's quilted Nappa leather with piping, whitewashed wood trim, metal garnishes, ambient lighting, heated and cooled seats, along with rear heated seats, multi-zone automatic climate control, head-up display, dual sunroofs, heated steering wheel, Wi-Fi hot spot, digital key, 12.3-inch infotainment touchscreen, USB-C ports and power outlets throughout the cabin and on and on and on. It will spoil you rotten.

Its relaxed demeanor plays into this well. With plenty of punch on hand, it provides a tranquil manner and the security of all-wheel drive.

Along with incredible amounts of space, it proves to be a perfect mobile family sanctuary. It's one smooth customer, with precise steering, a comfortable ride and modest body roll while cornering.

It makes for a sizable conveyance that will transport your brood in a truly upscale manner. Consider it the fortress of indulgence, a stress-free part of parental life filled with far too little of it.

Will driving less damage motor?



Bob Weber
Motormouth



Most engine wear occurs in the first few minutes after cold soak starts. ANDY MIKONIS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2017

Dear Motormouth: I have a 2016 Ford F-350 single wheel rear axle that I bought for towing my camper. I also have a company car that I drive daily. My F-350 only has 40,000 miles on it so it is a weekend driver, and I usually drive it on Fridays just to put miles on it. Does this damage the motor? I have heard pros and cons to both. I'd appreciate your input.
— L.R., Virginia Beach, Virginia

Dear L.R.: Most engine wear occurs in the first few minutes after cold soak (cold engine) starts. The engine is happier after reaching normal operating temperature and being driven at highway speeds. If this sounds like your behavior, you're good.

Dear Motormouth: Sir, what matters more in oil change frequency, time or mileage? Our 2007 Toyota Avalon, with full synthetic oil, goes way past time before it ever gets to mileage since we are both retired and also have another vehicle. Thanks for lubricating us with your vast automotive knowledge!
— R.R., Pittsboro, North Carolina

Dear R.R.: Most carmakers require owners to change their oil annually, even if the mileage requirement isn't met. For cars still under warranty, this is a must to maintain the warranty. Oil degrades over time. Moisture (water) is a major culprit and may not get cooked off during lots of short trips. One more bit of advice: Don't get lubricated before getting behind the wheel.

Dear Motormouth: I drive a 2016 RAV4. Sunlight from side windows causes a glare on the computer screen making it impossible to use at times. Is there anything that can be done to reduce or eliminate it? Any suggestion would be appreciated.
— R.C., Glastonbury, Connecticut

Dear R.C.: You can buy anti-glare film and trim it to fit. Some products also have an anti-fingerprint feature. I found the EZ-Pro three-pack product on Amazon for under $15. It can be trimmed with an X-Acto knife or razor blade. Check Walmart and Best Buy, too.

Dear Motormouth: My wife and I have a lot of CDs we like to listen to when driving. I have a 2015 Subaru Forester with CD player, which no longer works, but I can plug in my Sony Walkman using an AUX/line-in cord. She had a 2011 Honda CR-V with CD player, which she recently got rid of for a 2023 Honda HR-V, which does not have a CD player, but does have a USB 2.0 and a USB-C port (for phones, iPods, etc.). If there is an AUX/line-in port I cannot find it (600-plus page manual does not mention it). I figured buying a male 3.5 mm jack (for CD player) to USB cable would do the trick, but no luck. The car recognizes that something is attached, but no sound comes out. Did I get the wrong cable? Is it possible to connect a CD player to this car's sound system?
— D.J., Allentown, Pennsylvania

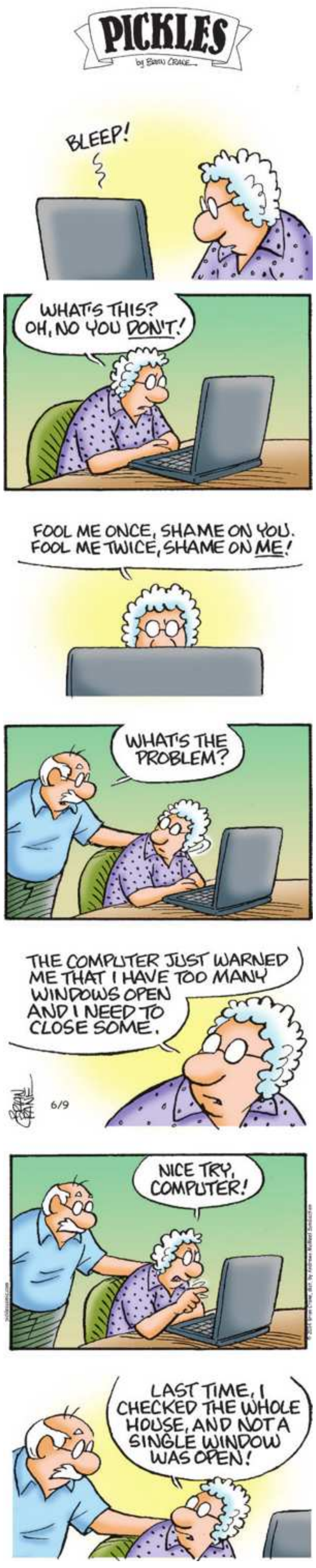
Dear D.J.: My Walkman ran away a few years ago. I considered posting "lost dog" type signs around town but figured it would cost more to print them up than to buy a new portable CD player with Bluetooth functionality. Mine even has anti-skip, which is handy on gravel roads. I can play my Pink Floyd collection through a Bluetooth speaker wherever I go. That includes the pickup truck. Many cars have Bluetooth compatibility. I suggest you consult an expert in the electronics department of your favorite store.

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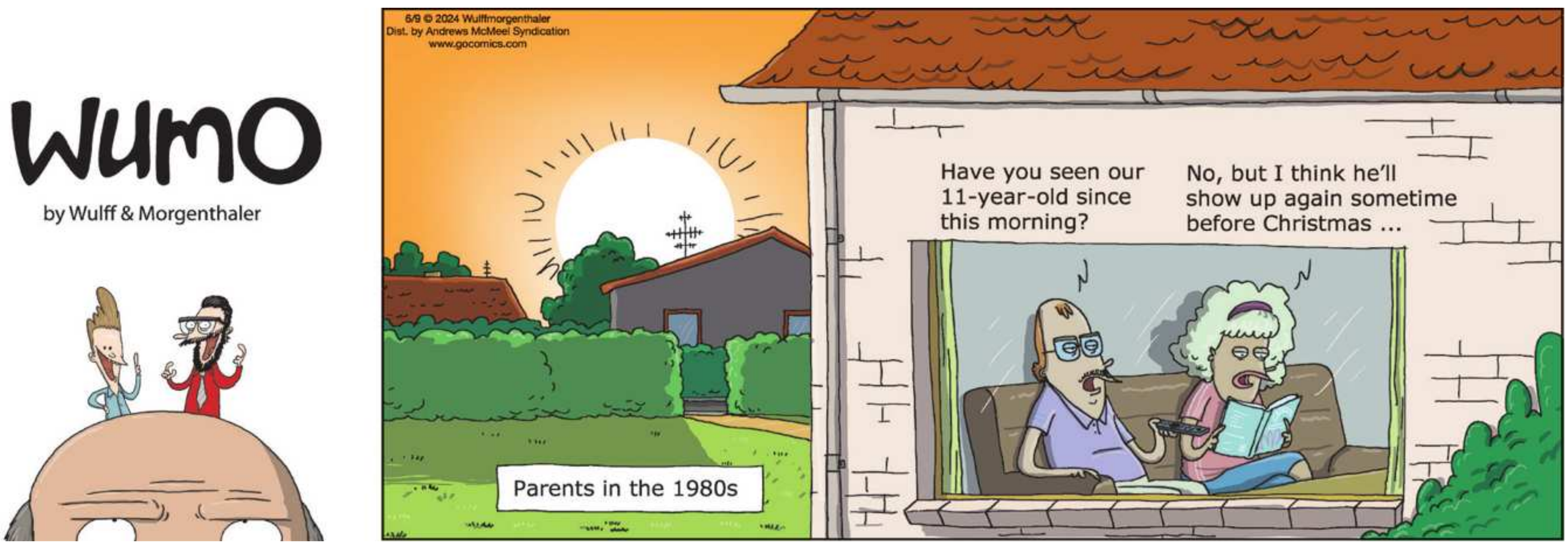


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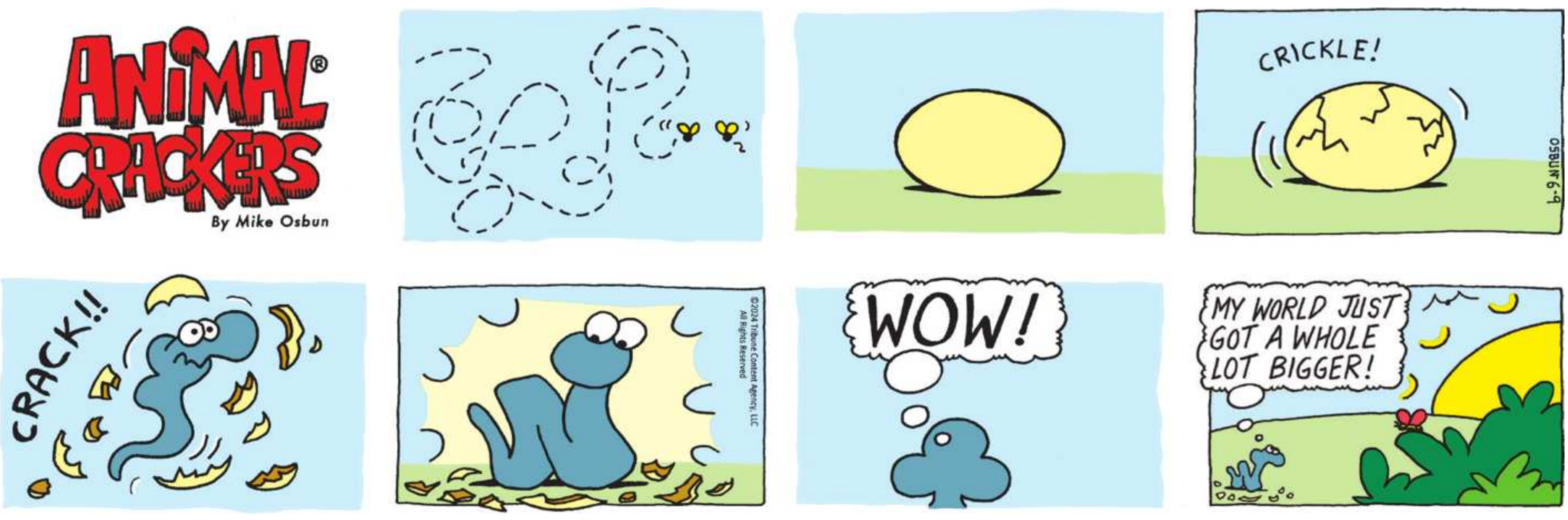


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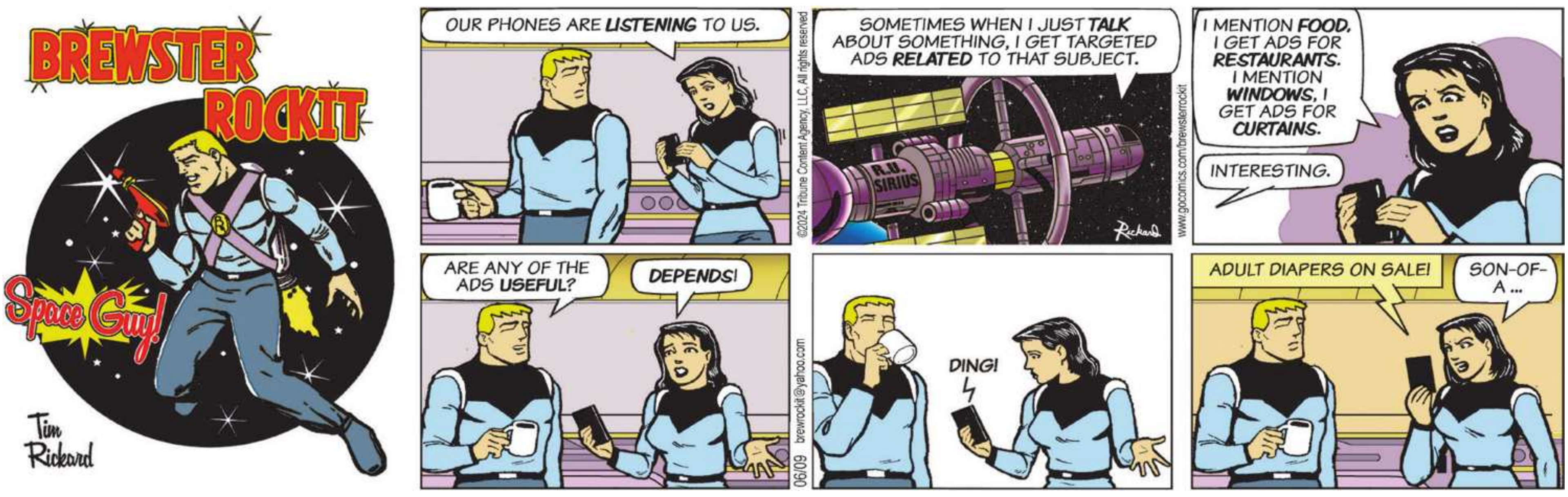












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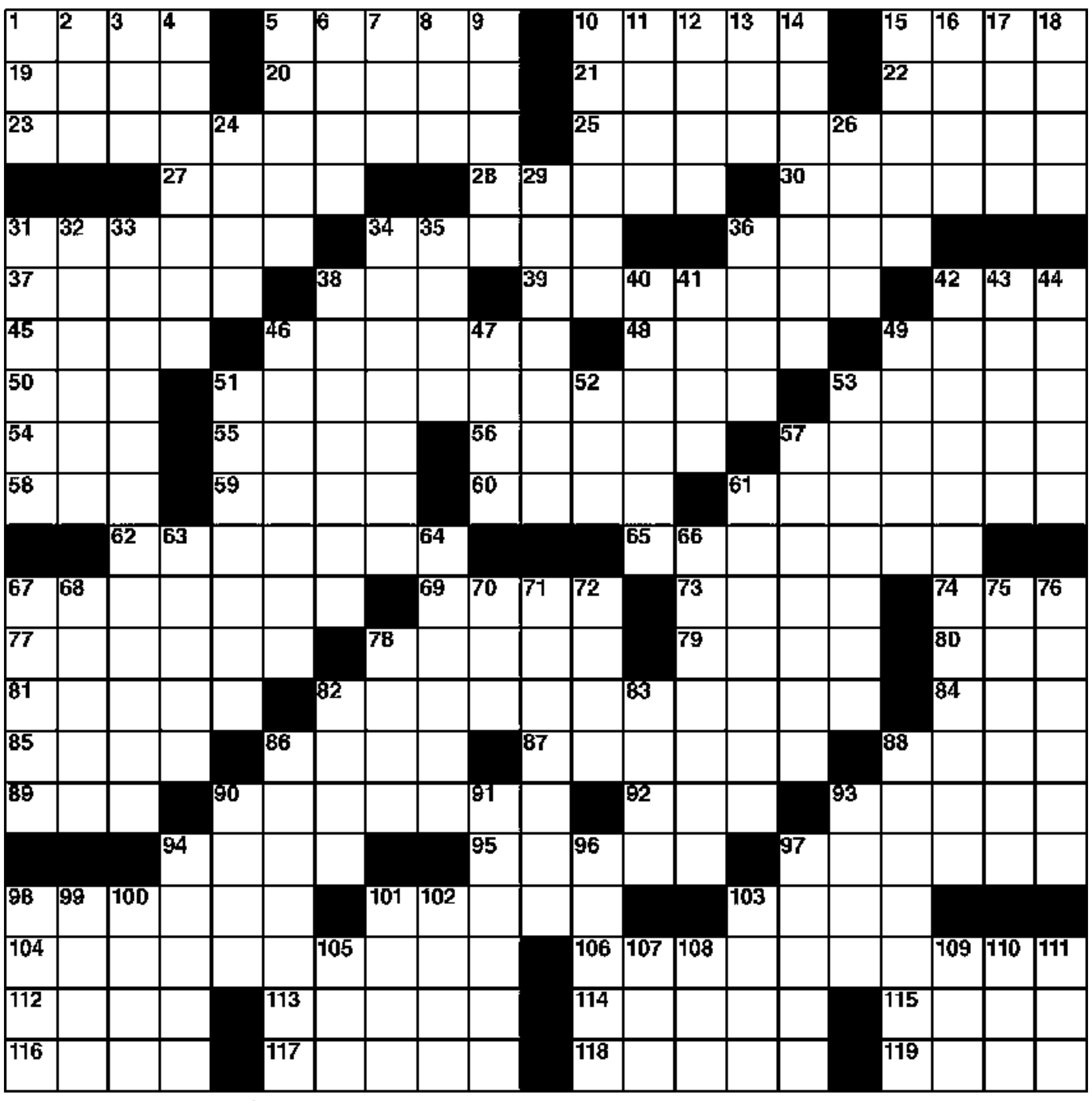
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P.O. BORDERS: Four letters where two words meet

By Gary M. Larson | Edited by Stanley Newman
(stanxwords.com)



Last week's answers can be found in today's "Puzzle Island Solutions."

Across

1 Walk wearily
5 Bit of info
10 Speed-checking beam
15 Work to be done
19 Waikiki's isle
20 In the know
21 "You win"
22 San Juan, Puerto __
23 Search an area [South Central]
25 Loyal employee guy [Northeast]
27 Eve's second son
28 Ham it up
30 Big name in small planes
31 Hapless victim
34 Swing wildly
36 "You called?"
37 Not touched, as a boxer
38 Low in humidity
39 More droopy
42 Strike heavily
45 Tops with frosting
46 Delicious dishes
48 Crew team tools
49 "So long"
50 Haul to a garage
51 ExxonMobil, Chevron, etc. [Midwest]
53 Consumer advocate Ralph
54 Nevada city
55 Employed
56 Test, as ore
57 Re offspring
58 Cul-de-__
59 Computer trials, for short
60 Wild story
61 Piano piece
62 Noted parent of eight newborns
65 Oscar role for Tom
67 Carly who headed HP
69 Teacup defect
73 __ Valley (Reagan Library city)
74 GI uniforms
77 Country singer Trace
78 Short film clip
79 Many Wall St. hires
80 Good name, for short
81 Film set's __ light
82 *Jaws* poster depiction [Midwest]
84 Hollywood trickery, briefly
85 Big shoes to fill
86 French singer Edith
87 Ceiling support beams
88 Deserve to get
89 Orthodontist's designation
90 Paris' Folies __
92 Falsehood
93 Highly assertive
94 Viva __ (orally)
95 Community character
97 Truck fuel
98 El Al's headquarters
101 The things here
103 Pie-cooling spot
104 Fuel for ranges [Southeast]
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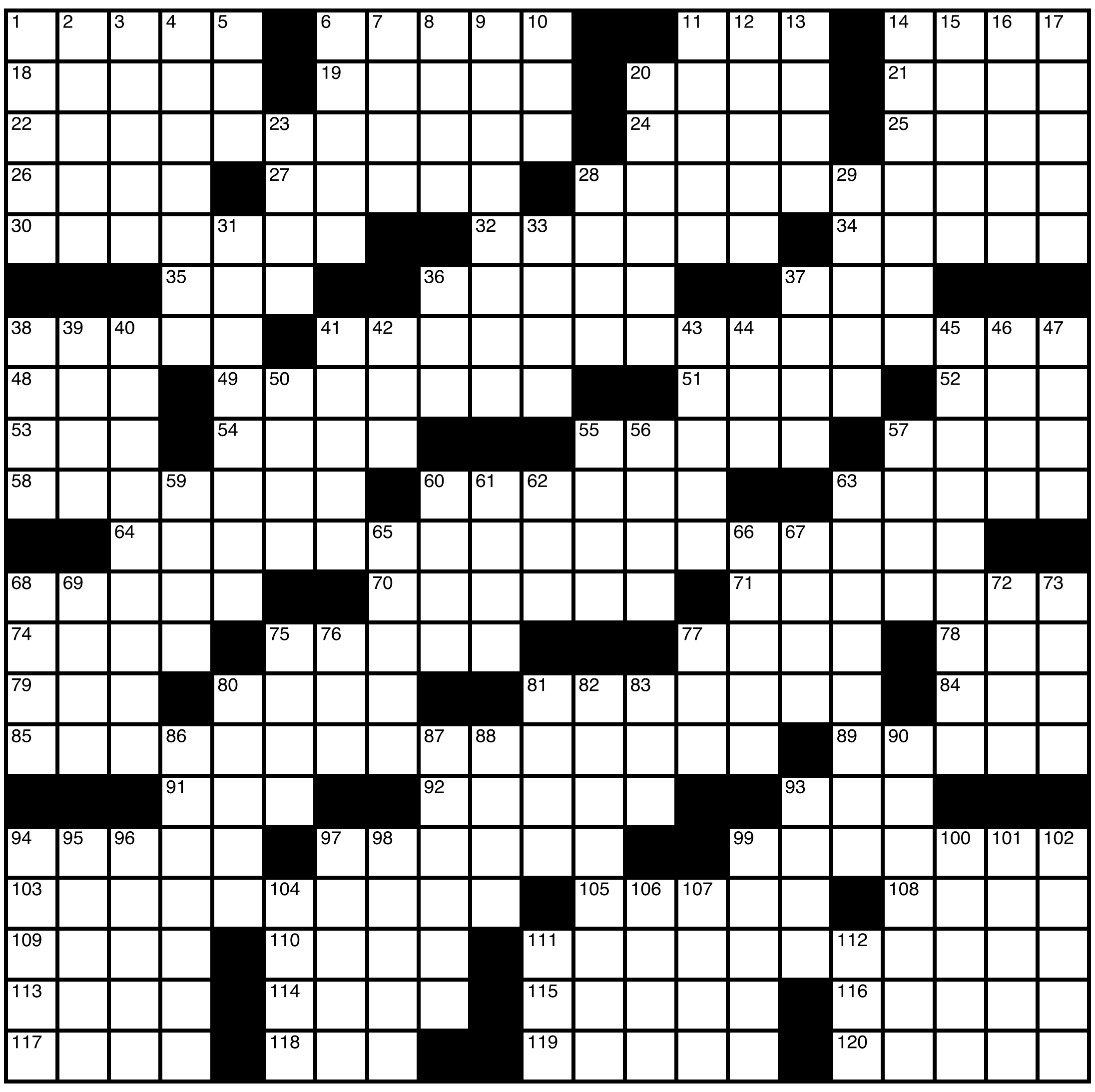
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1 Debate participant
2 Philosopher __-Tzu
3 Taunting shout
4 Bush opponent in '88
5 Risk-taking person
6 USAF no-show
7 Frat letter
8 Tea vessel
9 Ancient Greek sorceress
10 Swiss cough drop brand
11 Very much
12 Rounded roof
13 Nile serpent
14 Arrives at
15 Secret meeting
16 Objectives
17 Read rapidly
18 Hawaiian coffee region
24 Assist in wrongdoing
26 At hand
29 Certain beauty pageant winner
31 Sets of furniture
32 7 Up nickname
33 Fig Newtons, e.g. [Mountain West]
34 "Unfortunately, uh-huh"
35 "Coal Miner's Daughter" singer
36 Lean and strong
38 Tough choice
40 Flunked
41 It's southeast of Chicago
42 Cooling system toppers [West]
43 Really annoyed
44 Ivana's successor
46 Psychics may see them
47 6/6/44
49 Soft minerals
51 Forcing to leave
52 Latvia, once: Abbr.
53 Pleasant enough
57 Page arrangements
61 Elaborate recognition
63 Shouts out
64 Starbucks competitor
66 Slow assimilation
67 Falsified
68 Did nothing
70 That windjammer
71 Some printers
72 Mexican money
75 Latitude measure
76 Of the backbone
78 Thick carpeting
82 Horse's father
83 *Venus de* __
86 HS gym course
88 Elective lid procedure
90 Dutch South African
91 __ Pieces
93 Cash drawer
94 Gymnastics jump
96 *Steppenwolf* author
97 Meal plans
98 Agnes, in Spanish
99 Keep for later
100 GPS suggestions
101 End-of-week initialism
102 Tennis great Mandlikova
103 Flabbergast
105 Zodiac feline
107 Tiny bit
108 "Pale" brew
109 Japanese musical drama
110 Historic time
111 Do stitchery

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DJ Remix

By Amanda Cook & Kelly Richardson
Edited by Patti Varol



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Across

1 Center
6 Visibly nervous
11 BCBS offering
14 Beaker's sound
18 Wabbit hunter Fudd
19 Like a foggy graveyard
20 Brim (with)
21 Minnesota representative Ilhan
22 College administrators who never skip gym class?
24 Panache
25 Score symbol
26 Mattel product
27 Whoops
28 Mistake a bluebird for a blue bird?
30 Harder to hike
32 "Big yikes"
34 Court orders
35 __ Talks
36 Shinbone
37 Podcast equipment
38 Iverson in the Basketball Hall of Fame
41 Finally breaking up with that no-good, pool hall hustler?
48 Nintendo Switch precursor
49 Carolyn Bertozzi, notably
51 One with niblings
52 Regret
53 Massachusetts state tree
54 "__ Nagila": Hebrew folk song
55 Made brownies, say
56 Crafty platform
58 Gwen of No Doubt
60 Penalty shot defender
63 Queues up
64 Tiny bells added to an ugly Christmas sweater?
68 Still-life subject, often
70 Man cave locale, maybe
71 In the spotlight for bad behavior
74 Freight option
75 Nick of "Cape Fear"
77 Purple bloom
78 Once called
79 "Exit full screen" button
80 "Toodles"
81 Indian flatbread
84 Some undergrad degs.
85 Honorific for San Francisco's top athlete?
89 Churchyard peals
91 Scrape (by)
92 Opera solos
93 Muscle mag muscle
94 Space Invaders console
97 Marzipan nut
99 Abandons
103 Beaver construction party?
105 Concert platform
108 Heavenly glow
109 NYC drama award
110 Vegan pho protein
111 "Good news! The animals living under the deck aren't skunks!"?
113 Bridesmaid's handful
114 Tinnitus docs
115 Balance sheet entry
116 Sty sounds
117 Lob
118 Director Anderson
119 Big bangs
120 Like a windbag

Down

1 Ranch groups
2 "Daniel Deronda" novelist
3 Bountiful
4 Brimming (with)
5 Three, in Trieste
6 Occasion to read the Haggadah
7 Tap location
8 North __ Sea: Central Asian lake
9 Bonds between friends
10 "Absolutely!"
11 "Are you even listening?"
12 Like overripe apples
13 Hyatt competitor
14 Orange-and-black butterfly
15 Fire in a text?
16 Patronize, as a bistro
17 Hunts, with "on"
20 Rooibos pouch
23 Made an egg into an Easter egg
28 Invent, as a word
29 Chocolate-and-vanilla soft serve
31 Inclination
33 Memorial piece
36 "Ew, stop talking!"
37 Resew, maybe
38 Dazzles
39 Jaunty tune
40 Ceviche marinade
41 Crafty sort
42 Hindu goddess also known as Parvati
43 Activist known for his time aboard the Enterprise
44 Tinge
45 Small-batch
46 Used car concern
47 Florida __
50 Get together
53 Online journal
55 Assistant
57 Former Chief Justice Warren
59 Word in many a YouTube title
60 Little pest
61 D&D monster
62 "I'm an open book" Reddit sesh
63 Squarespace creations
65 Heavy-duty cooler brand
66 Venture
67 "What's __ for you?"
68 Sitar ridge
69 Hasty
72 Wax closure
73 Harper of "No Country for Old Men"
75 French Riviera city
76 Iowa state tree
77 Many a Lagunitas brew, briefly
80 Roberts who was one of NPR's "Founding Mothers"
81 Helmet clip spot
82 Result of standing up too fast
83 Six-packs, sometimes
86 Game day tops
87 Nathan's __ hot dogs
88 Jumbo suffix
90 Papua New Guinea region
93 Cuzco's country
94 Rescue, as a pet
95 Don't
96 Off
97 In concert
98 Rides
99 Balance sheet entries
100 Cuzco attraction
101 Does the Tour du Mont Blanc, say
102 Bold
104 Crockpot recipe
106 "The Lovebirds" actress Rae
107 Derive (from)
111 Chatter
112 Holiday party serving

Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

RJANOG

PEYNHH

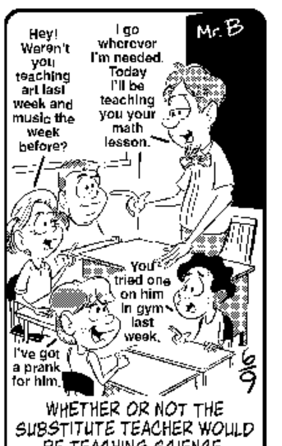
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METEPX

PNISOH

ROHCTO

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PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: 1 2 **3** 4

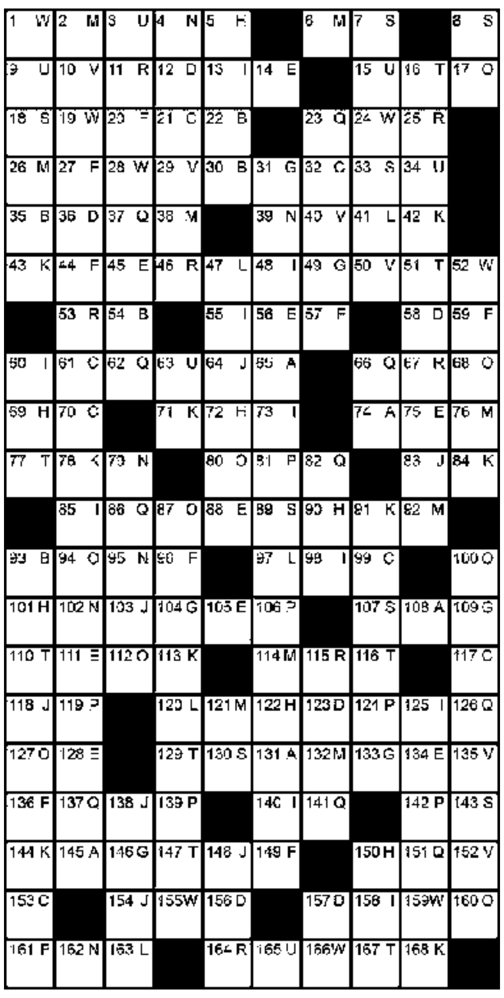
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	6						2	
				7	9	8		4
		1			8	2		
		8		4		9		
		6	2			1		
3		2	1	5				
	1						5	
	5					6		

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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Prankster; clown	145 131 65 108 74
B. Easily offended	35 30 54 93 22
C. Now and then: 2 wds.	61 117 21 32 153 99 70
D. Shabby	12 36 123 58 156 157
E. Spoke angrily: 2 wds.	14 111 105 56 134 88 45 75 128
F. Exaggerate	57 96 136 44 27 20 149 161 59
G. Step forward	31 49 109 146 133 104
H. Cape catch in MA	90 101 69 150 122 5 72
I. Indifferent	158 85 13 125 98 73 55 140 48
J. From Latvia	138 148 103 154 83 64 118
K. Vacuity	113 168 43 71 144 42 91 78 84
L. Small mesa	120 47 97 163 41
M. Acted up: 2 wds.	26 114 76 121 2 38 92 6 132
N. Beseech	95 39 79 4 162 102
O. Do battle: 2 wds.	17 80 112 160 100 87 94 68 127
P. Restraining rope	106 142 139 124 119 81
Q. Dominate	137 37 126 86 66 23 141 62 82 151
R. Simpletons	115 53 46 25 67 11 164
S. Dismiss lightly: 2 wds.	143 18 89 8 130 33 107 7
T. Attentive	16 116 51 77 167 129 60 110 147
U. Concrete ingredient	15 63 3 9 34 165
V. Ablaze: 2 wds.	152 10 29 50 135 40
W. Vikings	24 166 159 1 155 19 52 28



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By Mel Taub. Edited by Linda Preston.

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Great Ladies

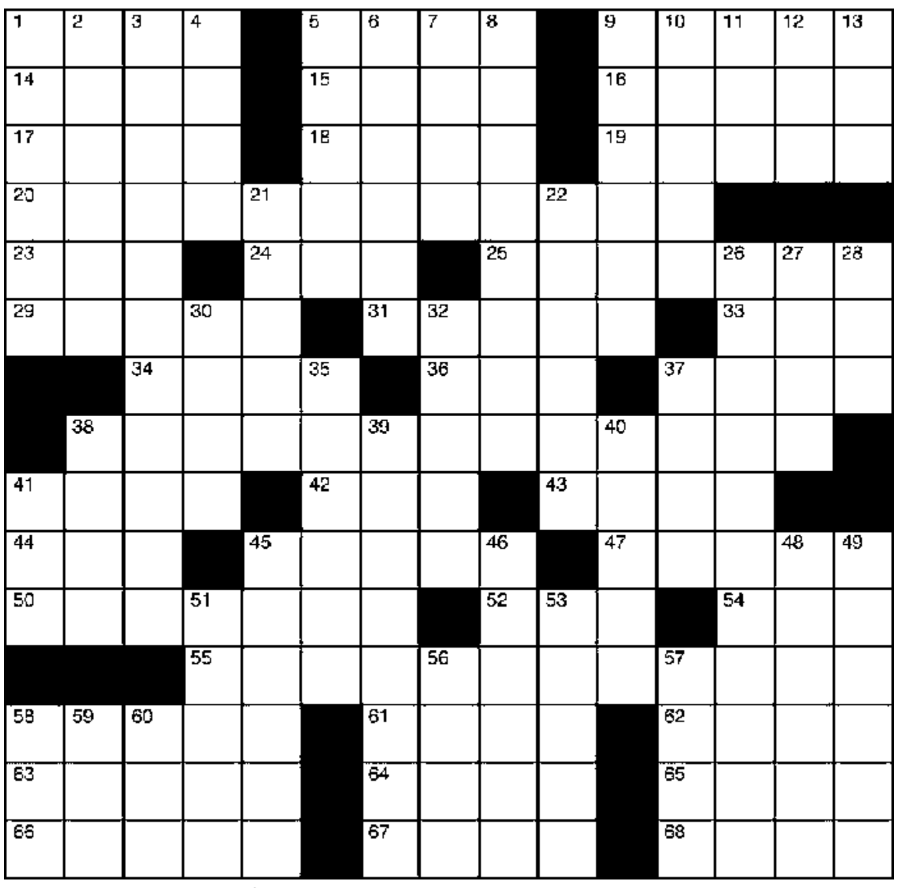
By Charles Preston

Across

1 Gumshoes
5 Bucket
9 Kind of transit
14 Hall-of-Famer Page
15 ___, not me!
16 Musical about Ms. Perón
17 "Class Reunion: ___ Jaffe"
18 Beethoven's birthplace
19 Showed shock
20 Like Fred Astaire, only backwards and in heels
23 "___ es Felicidad"
24 Paul, on guitar
25 Disease-spreading flies
29 Future concern
31 Upstanding
33 Tax agt.
34 Crimson Tide
36 Act human, in a way
37 Psst's cousin
38 "The Misfits" star
41 Great hall: Ger.
42 Football shoe width
43 More than a tippler
44 Zip
45 Kinds of come-ons
47 Hollywood Nick name
50 Gun collection
52 ___ Mahal
54 Batty
55 "The Blue Dahlia" star
58 Replenish
61 Took off
62 Road for Horace
63 Coliseum
64 "Cogito, ___ sum"
65 Hide
66 Little cake?
67 It can revolve or swing
68 Long-ago laborer

Down

1 Goal
2 Girl's name: 2017 movie
3 Explosive dives
4 Problem
5 Needy, in Navarre
6 "Three Men on ___"
7 ___ time: at once
8 Lasting
9 Wish different
10 Briny stop
11 Domino dot
12 Follower: suffix
13 June card recipient
21 Lacquer base
22 Kind of account
26 First grade chums
27 Dueler's choice
28 "Casablanca" pianist
30 Lee, of cakedom
32 Ms. Zellweger
35 Brit's sour ale
37 Ligurian feeder
38 Naturalist John
39 Like some fall leaves
40 Teenage mutant turtle's title
41 Collection
45 Information on an arrow
46 Relative of 35 Down
48 Con
49 Channel swimmer Gertrude
51 Happening
53 Oscar seeker
56 Rome's fiery fiddler
57 Word with oak or wire
58 Emulate Will Smith
59 Victorian time
60 Tax factor



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Last week's crosswords

"BOTH SIDES NOW"

ATOM BASKS ABBA MAMAS
SOBA UNTIE SLAB ERASE
PROTESTANT TOYS AROSE
STEEL EGG ARNO TIRED
DUH PRODUCTIVITY
OAK DIAGRAM ABEE
PROFESSIONAL STAR HAM
UGLI KGB NITES TAXI
SHARPIE IMONIT EDIT
SANDBAG PROTRACTOR
STATIC ALA ERR INHOME
CONTRACTOR DESCEND
INGE NOBELS ESSENCE
FILE ROSIN OVA MILL
ICE SONY CONFESSIONAL
CARE RAFTERS EYE
CONDUCTIVITY OLE
ADORN REDS HUE ELSIE
LETAT JANE CONTESTANT
FORTE AQUA OPINE OTTO
SNEER MISS PETAL NEON

"Is There an Echo in Here?"

GPA TESSA SHAH CAPOS
OAR KLAUS IMPEL ALEVE
ETC OLYMPICMEDALMETAL
TRAP STEPH GOOP ILL
HONEYMOONSUITESWEET
ELAPSE OATH RAFTS
PLANB NAIVE STOAT
RENE DIRAC LEILA URL
APART COUNTYFAIRFARE
MERCI HADER ORC
SECONDEDITIONADDITION
REO KOALA ESPNU
WINDOWPANEPAIN SCOTT
GAL MARLO SNAKE ADOS
IDLED GOALS SEATS
FIBER MAMA CLUTCH
ELECTRONICCASHCACHE
RAF ASIA TRIPE LEIA
BUILDINGSITESIGHT LSD
INNIE SAUCE CAUSE LEE
STEED SEEN ONEND SLR

"Just a Sec"

BUST CEOS TALER
ANTI HAUT IMIDE
ITEM ASTO EARED
RIME SECONDHAND
DESPOT ODAY
IBEAM CEASED
ROMEO LEER LAVE
ORACLES RETAKEN
TETE SONG WREST
COSSET ASSAM
LOSS OSCARS
WAKEUPCALL LIEN
IREAD ALIA OSLO
STEVE BLOC CLAW
HYPED SYNE KEYS

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Joe) QUEENAN: OUR BUCKET LISTS: Bucket list neurosis is an obsessive quest to parasail over Mongolian volcanoes, swim with sharks in the Seychelles and run an Outback marathon. Take five! Bucket lists should be fun not competitive toil.

Last week's Sudoku

7	6	5	1	9	2	3	4	8
9	2	1	8	3	4	5	7	6
8	3	4	6	5	7	1	2	9
5	9	6	4	2	1	7	8	3
4	1	7	9	8	3	2	6	5
2	8	3	5	7	6	4	9	1
6	4	8	2	1	5	9	3	7
1	7	9	3	4	8	6	5	2
3	5	2	7	6	9	8	1	4

This week's Jumble

JARGON BUCKET SIPHON
HYPHEN EXEMPT COHORT

Whether or not the substitute teacher would be teaching science, history, math, etc. was —

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (June 9): Shine in the spotlight this year. Grow professionally with consistent action. Social changes require summer adaptation, energizing your work to new heights this autumn. A winter change of heart reveals new directions before laughter fills your house next spring. Nurture yourself with love to grow.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Relax and have fun with family and friends. Keep it simple. Don't worry about the future. Enjoy the present moment with people you love.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Discuss options and possibilities. Words get better results than actions today. Consider short-term needs and find solutions that serve for now. Express your ideas.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. You can get what you need. Simplify expectations and stick with simple objectives. Focus on basics. Leave elaborations for later. Share news and resources.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Keep an open attitude. Don't mix up your self-worth with your income. Talk about the results you want and discover new pathways to achieve them.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. Leave the noise and chaos behind. Find peaceful settings for contemplation and reflection. Complete past efforts and put things away. Prepare for what's ahead.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Share support with friends. Social conditions can change. Things may not go according to plans. Don't get pushy. Grab a spontaneous opportunity. Stay flexible.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Focus on the job at hand. Avoid chaos, noise or crowds. Wait to launch a professional project. Handle immediate needs. Preparation pays off.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Plan and prepare for an exploration. Enjoy business travel, conferences and classes. Determine the best route to avoid traffic. Research and study options.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Work together for a shared financial goal. Stick to practical objectives. Distractions abound. Revise carefully to avoid mistakes. Take it slow to finish faster.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Share support with your partner. Avoid silly arguments. Follow rules carefully. Patience pays extra dividends. Don't worry about the future. Focus on here and now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Practice your physical and health routines, despite chaos or distractions. Meditation and natural reflection soothe your spirit. Share peaceful moments with your partner.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Abandon expectations, especially regarding romance. Keep your flexibility and sense of humor. Relax and try another route around obstacles. Prioritize fun and health.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K ♥ J 6 5 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ K J 7 5 3

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	2♠
?			

What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Void ♥ A K 6 3 ♦ A Q 10 7 ♣ 10 9 7 6 4
Partner opens 1S and right-hand opponent bids 3H. What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 6 5 ♥ J 7 6 2 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ 9 8 6
Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 9 8 7 6 ♥ A 10 ♦ K 10 6 4 ♣ K Q 3

North	East	South	West
1♦	1♠	2♠*	Pass
3♦	Pass	?	

***Diamond raise, at least invitational values.**
What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones Tribune Content Agency

Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

LAVISHLY (LAV-ish-lee): With profusion or abundance.

Can you find 22 or more words in LAVISHLY?

Average mark: 17 words
Time limit: 30 minutes

Here are the rules:

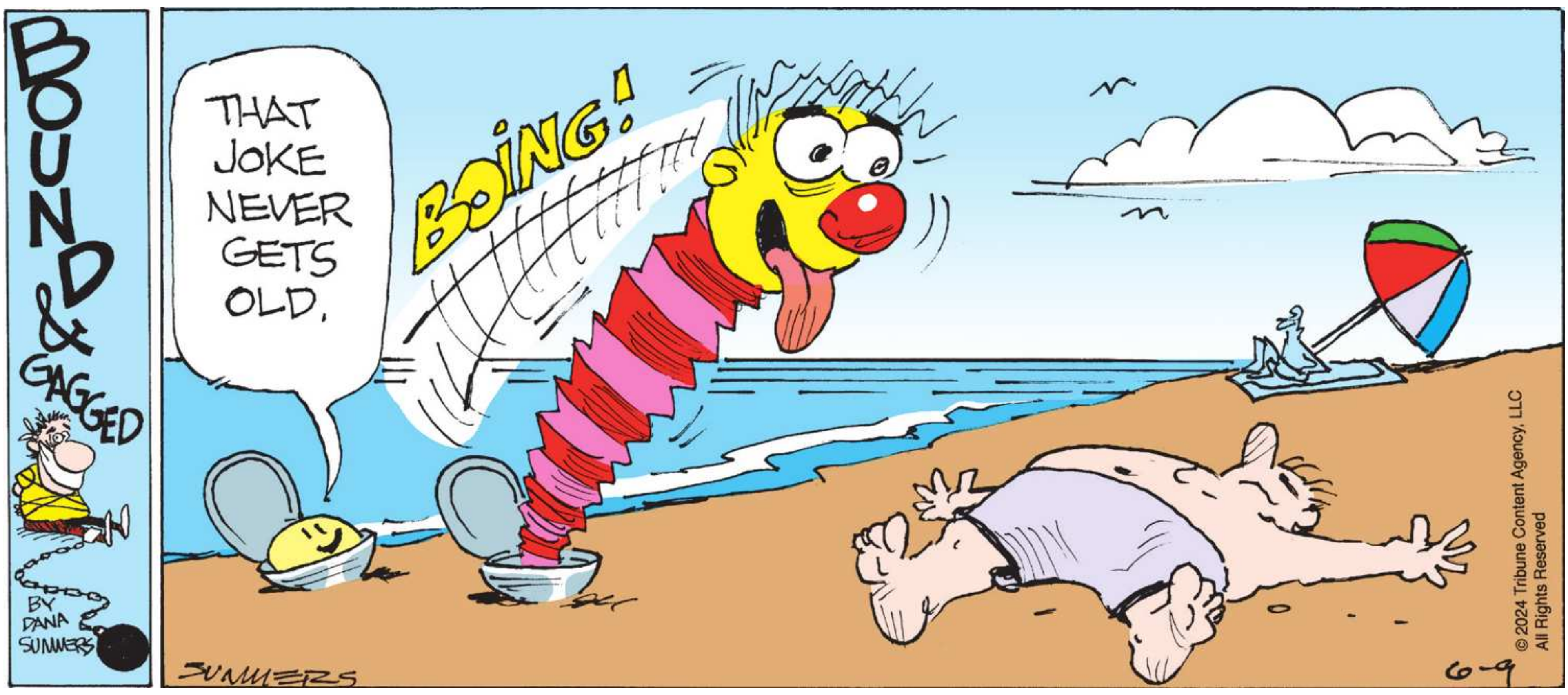
1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

lash; lavish; lily; ally; ashy; vial; villa; visa; illy; sail; sally; shall; shay; shill; shiva; sill; silly; slay; hail; hall; hill; hilly

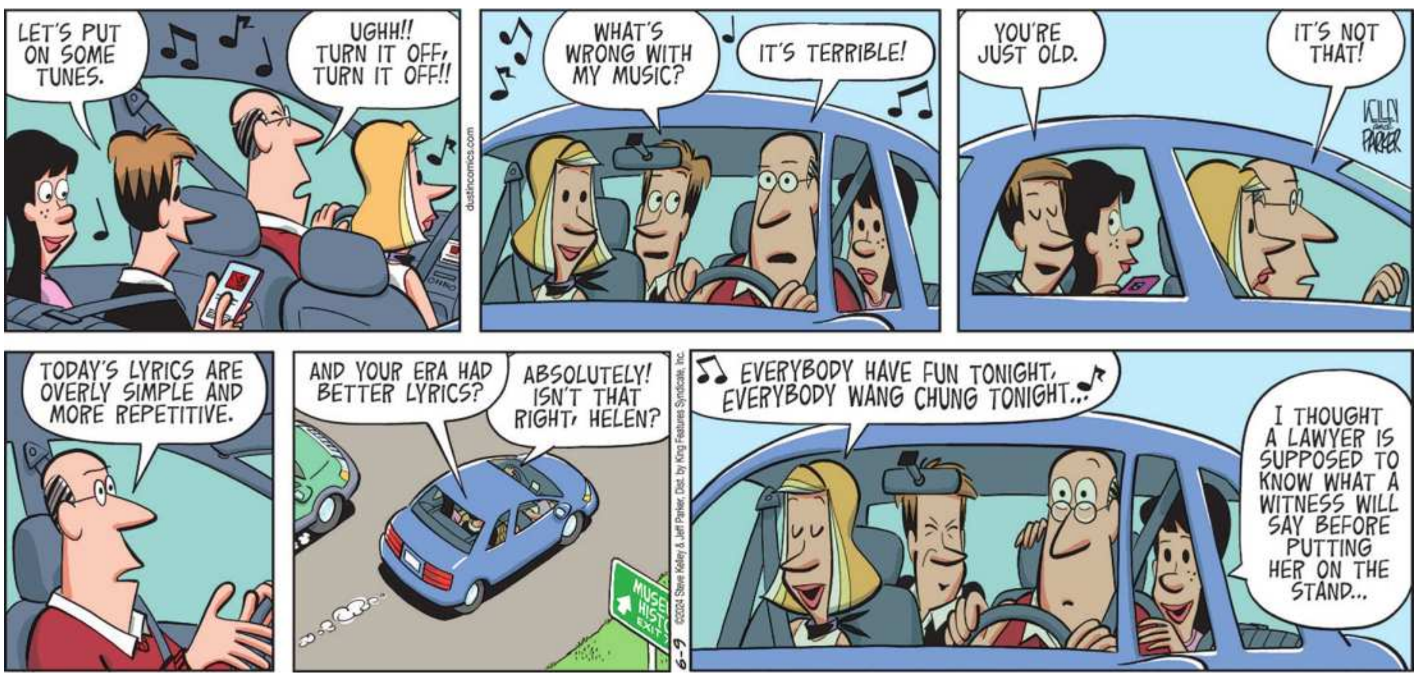
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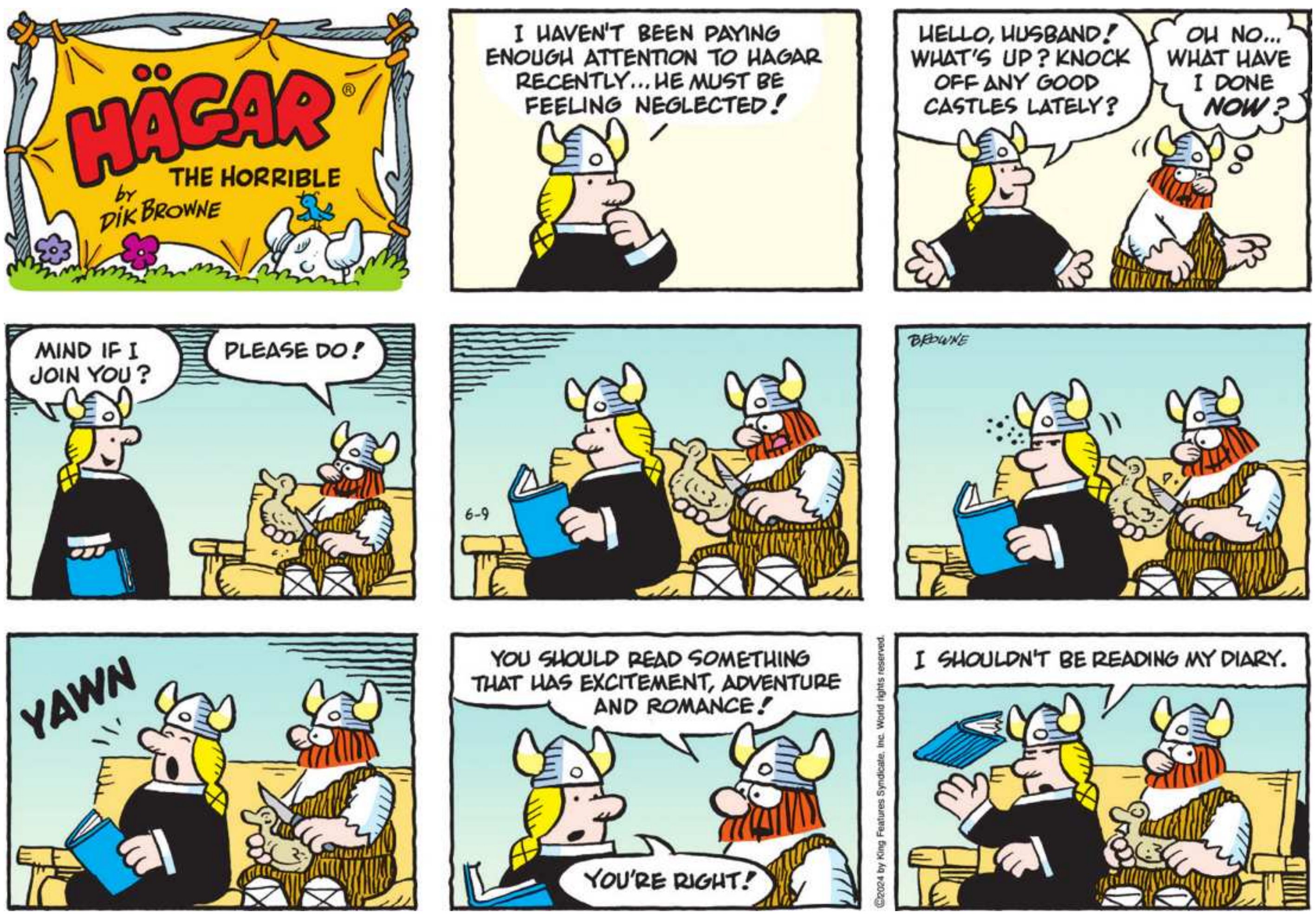






Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker





The Lockhorns
By Bunny Hoest and John Reiner


"IF YOU DON'T LIKE CAULIFLOWER, LEROY, JUST SAY SO."


"I WARNED YOU ABOUT IGNORING ALL THOSE FINAL NOTICE LETTERS."


"LORETTA'S BROTHER IS A WORLD TRAVELER, TOO . . . HE'S ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF INTERPOL."

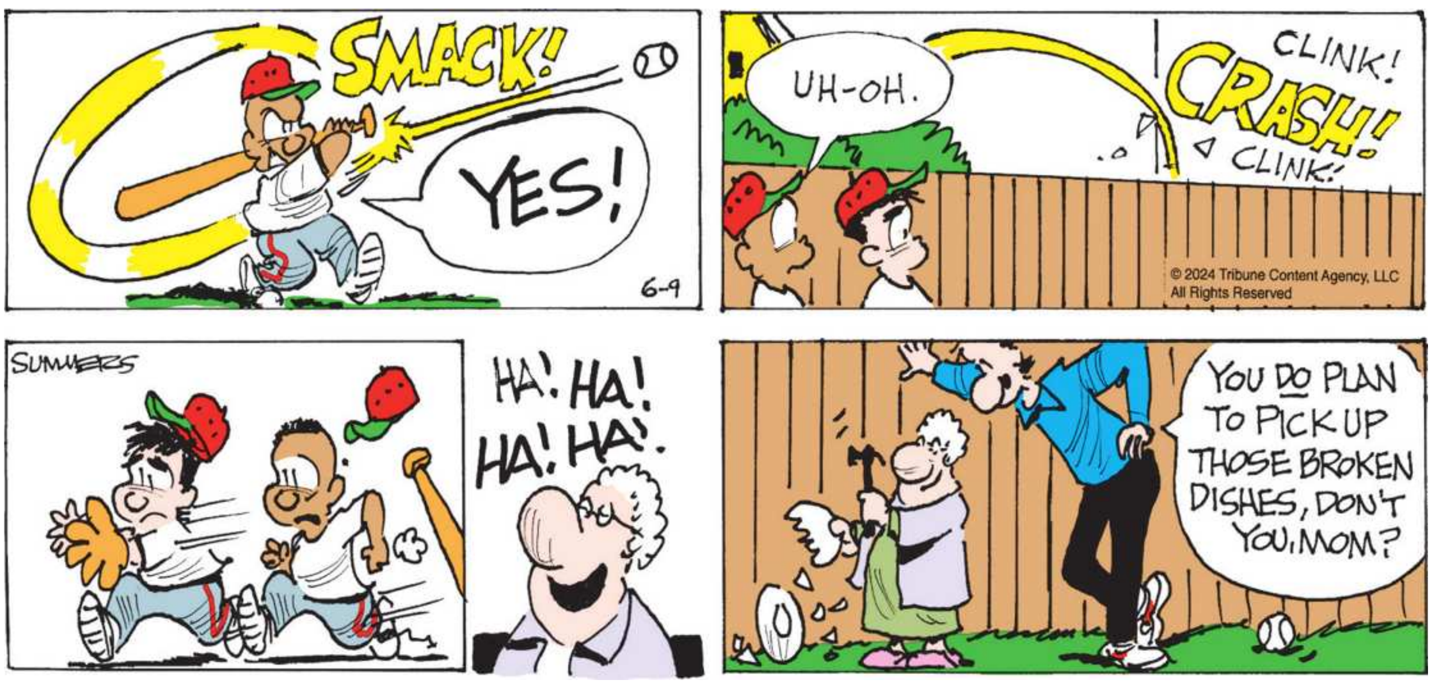

"BE SURE TO TELL ME WHERE TO TURN THE INSTANT I'VE DRIVEN PAST IT."

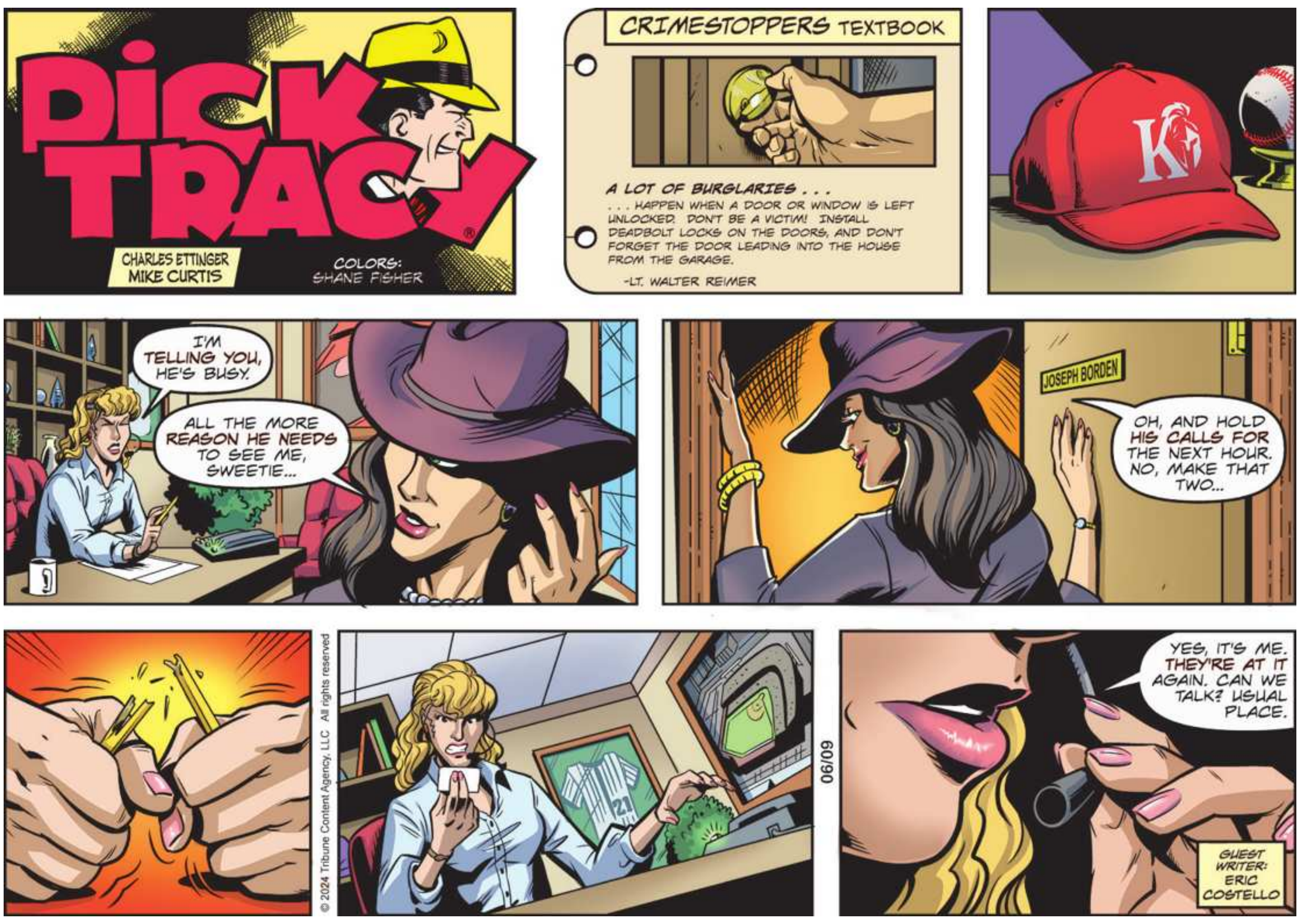


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